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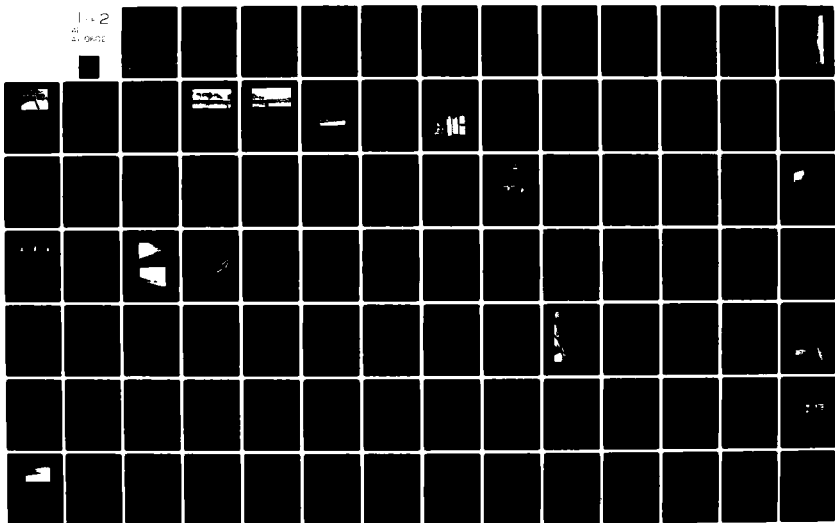
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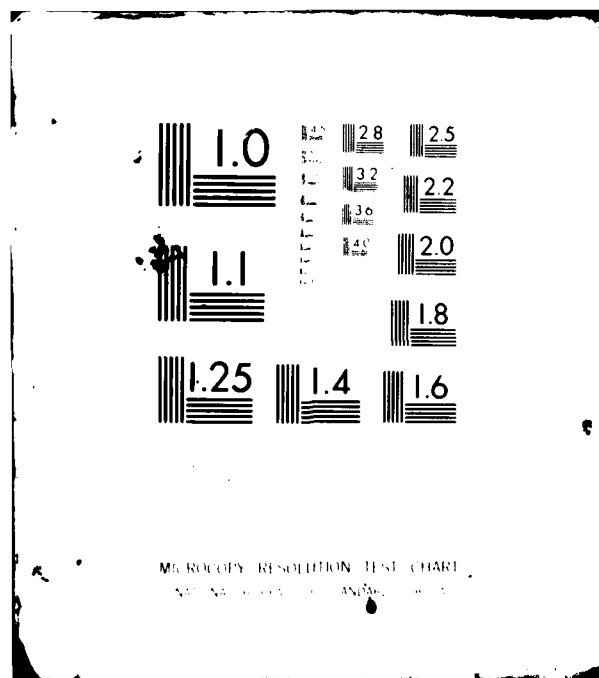
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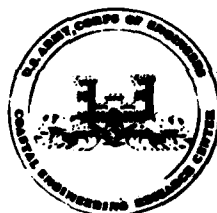
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PREFACE


This report is published to provide basic information about the Coastal Engineering Research Center's (CERC) Field Research Facility (FRF) at Duck, North Carolina. Although the primary purpose of the facility is to support CERC's research programs, use by other agencies and organizations of both the facility and the data being collected is encouraged. The work on this report was carried out under CERC's waves and coastal flooding program.

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square feet	0.0929	square meters
cubic feet	0.0283	cubic meters
yards	0.9144	meters
square yards	0.836	square meters
cubic yards	0.7646	cubic meters
miles	1.6093	kilometers
square miles	259.0	hectares
knots	1.852	kilometers per hour
acres	0.4047	hectares
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pounds	453.6	grams
	0.4536	kilograms
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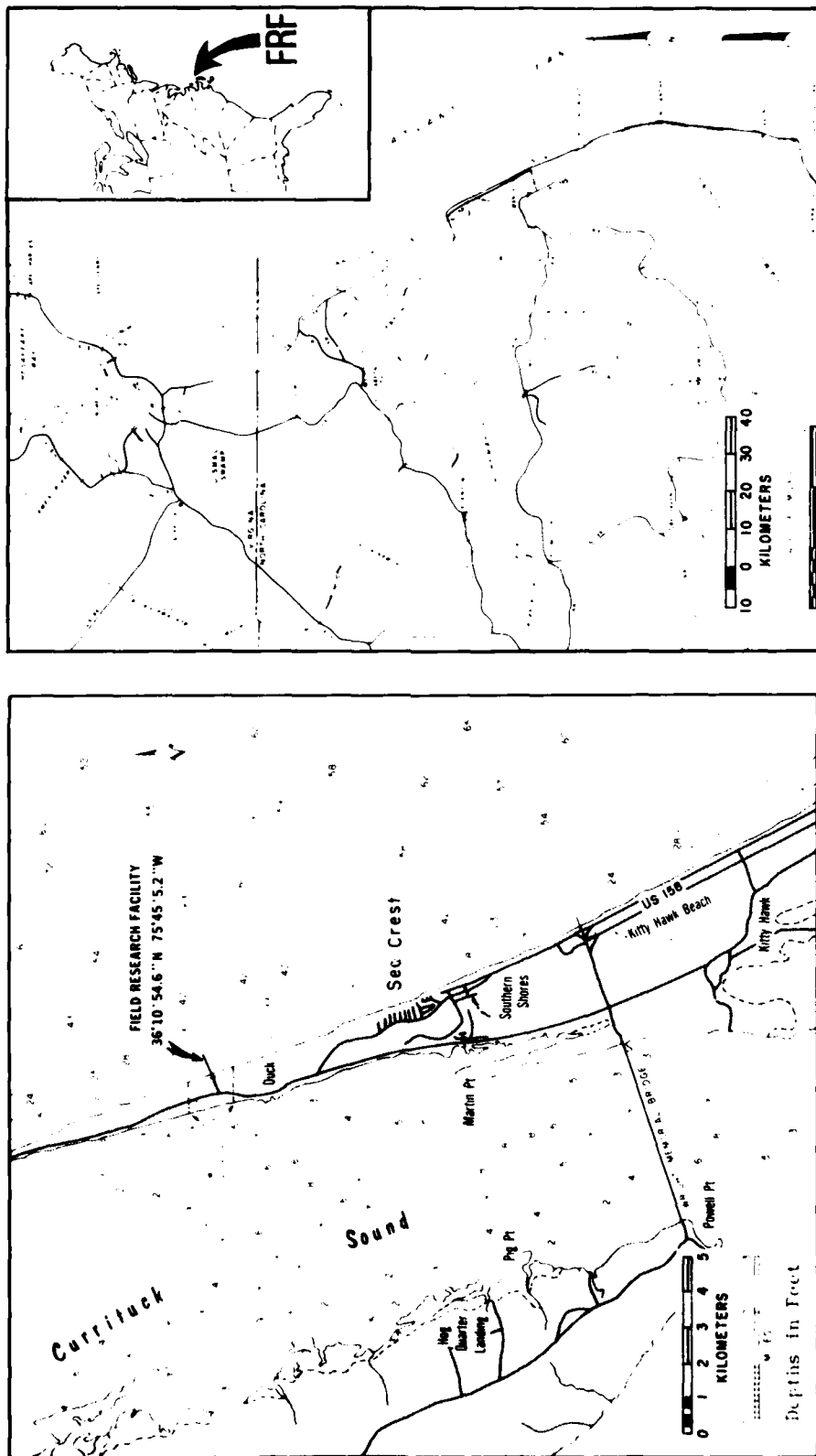


Figure 1. Location of the Field Research Facility.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Federal interest in coastal engineering began in the 1920's as a result of the increasing shoreline erosion along the recreational beaches in New Jersey. This concern led to the formation of the Beach Erosion Board (BEB) in July 1930 as a part of the civil works program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The BEB functioned largely as an advisor to the States with coastal erosion problems; however, the increasing need for research became evident. In recognition of that need, the BEB began expanding to include an official research program. In 1963, Congress established the Coastal Engineering Research Center (CERC), abolishing the BEB, and broadened the BEB's general investigation responsibilities to form the research mission of CERC.

CERC's mission, as the principal research and development facility of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the field of coastal engineering, is to conceive, plan, conduct, and publish the results of data collection and research in coastal engineering and nearshore oceanography to provide a better understanding of the waves, winds, water levels, tides, coastal currents, and the coastal processes resulting from these littoral forces. CERC's research focuses on shore and beach erosion control; coastal flooding and storm protection; navigation improvements; recreation; and the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of coastal and offshore structures.

Much of CERC's past research in coastal engineering has consisted of laboratory experimentation and theoretical investigations. Supportive fieldwork has been hampered by a lack of dependable means of obtaining high-quality wave, beach, and water level data, including data during storms. To overcome this deficiency, CERC constructed the Field Research Facility (FRF) on 175 acres at Duck, North Carolina (Fig. 1). Located at 36°10'54.6" N. and 75°45'5.2" W. (landward end), the FRF consists of a 561-meter-long (1,840 feet) pier (Fig. 2), which was completed in August 1976, and a 418-square meter (4,500 square feet) laboratory and office building (Fig. 3) completed in March 1980. The FRF is designed to fulfill four major objectives:

(a) To provide a rigid platform from the land, across the dunes, beach, and surf zone out to the 6-meter (20 feet) water depth from which waves, currents, water levels, and bottom elevations can be measured, especially during severe storms;

(b) to serve as a permanent field base of operations for physical and biological studies of the site, the adjacent sound, bay, and ocean region by CERC, other Federal agencies, universities, and private industry;

(c) to provide CERC with field experience and data that will complement laboratory and analytical studies and provide a better understanding of the influence of field conditions on measurements and design practices; and

(d) to provide a manned field facility for testing new instrumentation.



Figure 2. CERC Field Research Facility.

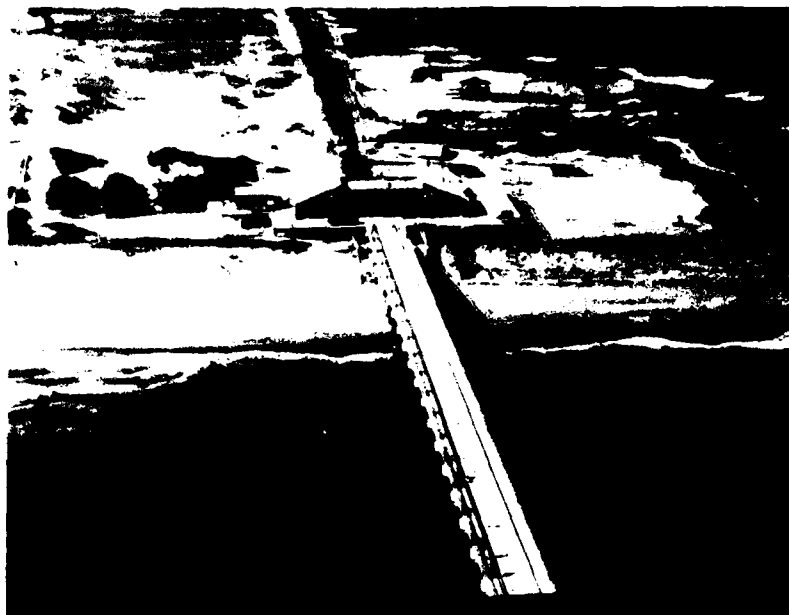


Figure 3. The laboratory building.

Although primarily intended for CERC research studies, other research organizations' use of the FRF and the data collected thereby is encouraged. This report provides potential users of the facility with useful information about the facility, the area, the climate, and the data being collected. Any questions which are not addressed in this guide should be directed to:

Chief, Field Research Facility
S.R. Box 271
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(919) 261-3511
Local dialing from Washington D.C. area;
370-6423

1. Use of the FRF.

a. Obtaining Permission. It is necessary to obtain written permission to use the FRF. This can be done by sending a synopsis of the research to:

Commander and Director
U.S. Army Coastal Engineering Research Center
Kingman Building
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Included in this letter should be the following information:

- (1) Description of the planned research;
- (2) dates;
- (3) the approximate number of participants;
- (4) a statement of the use, requirements, and expectations of the FRF; and
- (5) other pertinent information.

Because of the occasionally harsh environment that exists at the FRF, it is imperative that potential users are aware of the prevailing conditions at the time of their experiment and have good advance planning (with regard to both people and equipment). Although this user's guide will help in that respect, any experiment should be discussed with the FRF staff before a formal request for use is submitted.

Particular attention will be given to those experiments requiring equipment to either be mounted directly on the pier or placed in the water. The area seaward of the FRF is a popular commercial fishing area with heavy use from October to December. Because of this, experimental equipment placed in this area should be marked with a pinger (acoustic beacon) and a large, lighted radar reflective buoy. Experiments within the pier length should be marked by a buoy (a pinger is desirable). Any installation requiring diver maintenance should be marked by a buoy or be attached by a handline to a nearby buoy for easy locating. Mooring lines should be large diameter rope or steel cable. The U.S. Coast Guard should be informed of all navigational obstructions. Experiment plans must also include plans for removal of equipment.

b. Costs and Funding of Research. If the planned research relates to the CERC mission, use of the facility and of the data being collected there is free. Costs for projects not relating to the CERC mission will be assessed according to the user's purpose and resources. Reimbursement will be required for out-of-the-ordinary use of FRF staff and equipment.

Although availability varies considerably from year to year, limited CERC funding may be available for contract (not grant) work. CERC funding of research by nongovernmental organizations may be applied for either by submitting an "unsolicited proposal" or by responding to a "Request for Proposal (RFP)" issued by CERC.

Unsolicited proposals are formal proposals, developed by the researchers, which address a research topic relevant to CERC's mission. The proposal should, at the minimum, include the following:

- Title page
 - Title
 - Proposed starting date
 - Duration
 - Principal investigator (name, title, phone number)
- Abstract of study
- Study description
 - Research objectives
 - Research application
 - Site description (if applicable)
 - Procedure
 - Research results and reports
 - Cost estimate (detailed)

Unsolicited proposals should be sent directly to:

- Commander and Director
- U.S. Army Coastal Engineering Research Center
- Kingman Building
- Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

An RFP is a request for proposals, issued by CERC, which addresses a topic of specific interest to CERC. To receive copies of future RFP's, a copy of Standard Form 254 (Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire) must be submitted to:

Commander and Director
Coastal Engineering Research Center
ATTN: CERRM-PC
Kingman Building
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Please note that it is neither necessary to submit an unsolicited proposal nor to respond to an RFP in order to use the FRF. Government agencies desiring CERC funding should contact the FRF Chief.

c. Liability. Users of the FRF are responsible for their own liability and will be asked to sign a release form (see App. A).

2. Description of the Area.

The FRF is located near Duck, North Carolina, along a 100-kilometer (62 miles) unbroken stretch of shoreline extending south from Rudee Inlet to Oregon Inlet. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and Currituck Sound to the west. An aerial view of the area is shown in Figure 4. Except for five fishing piers and the FRF pier, there are no major coastal structures or littoral barriers along the entire reach.

This location, one of 12 sites originally considered, was selected because it best satisfied (but not completely) the following list of desirable physical characteristics:

- (a) Sand size typical of U.S. coasts and sufficient depth of sand to prevent exposure of underlayers;
- (b) a wave climate and storm exposure representative of U.S. coasts;
- (c) regular offshore bottom topography free of features which may affect the wave climate;
- (d) a tidal range of 0.5 to 2.0 meters (1.5 to 6 feet);
- (e) a representative nearshore slope such that the 6-meter depth contour is not appreciably more than 600 meters (2,000 feet) from shore;
- (f) a straight coastline outside the range of the effects of any significant littoral barrier;
- (g) easy access by vehicle;
- (h) control of the pier and surrounding area by CERC to avoid interruptions in research programs;
- (i) an adjacent sound or estuary area;
- (j) availability of commercial power and communication facilities;
- (k) usually free of fog or cloud cover to permit frequent use of aerial remote sensing;
- (l) a stable coastline (on a time scale of 50 years); and
- (m) natural dunes.

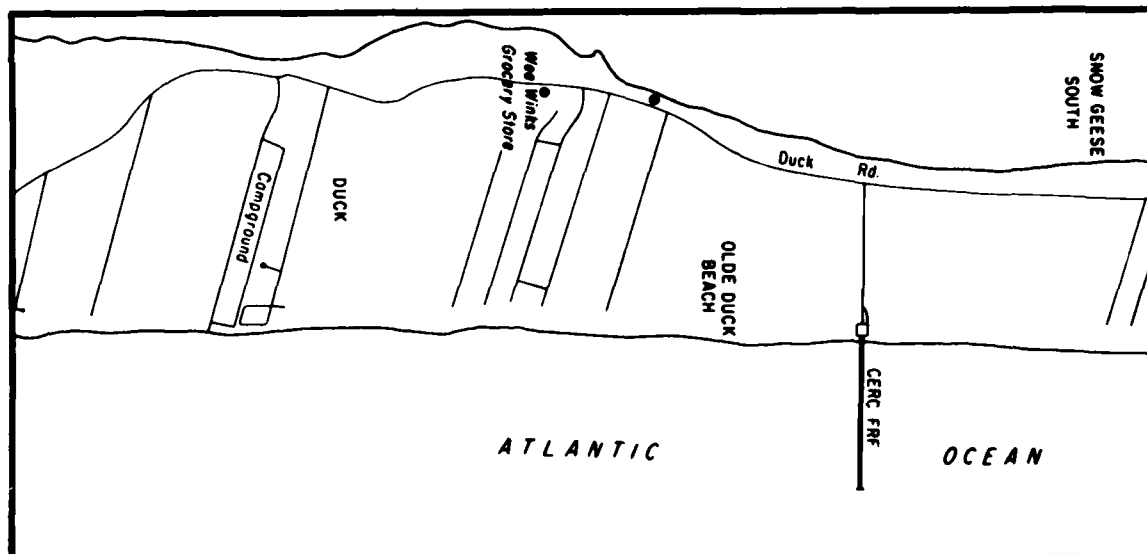
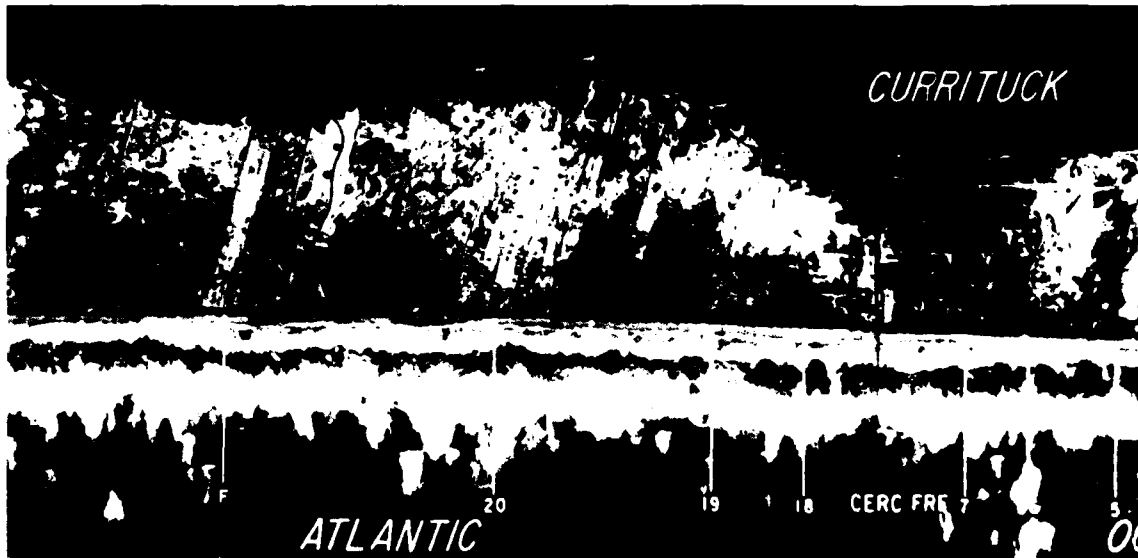


Figure 4. Aerial mosaic and map of pier site (numbers refer to profile line locations; see Table 4).

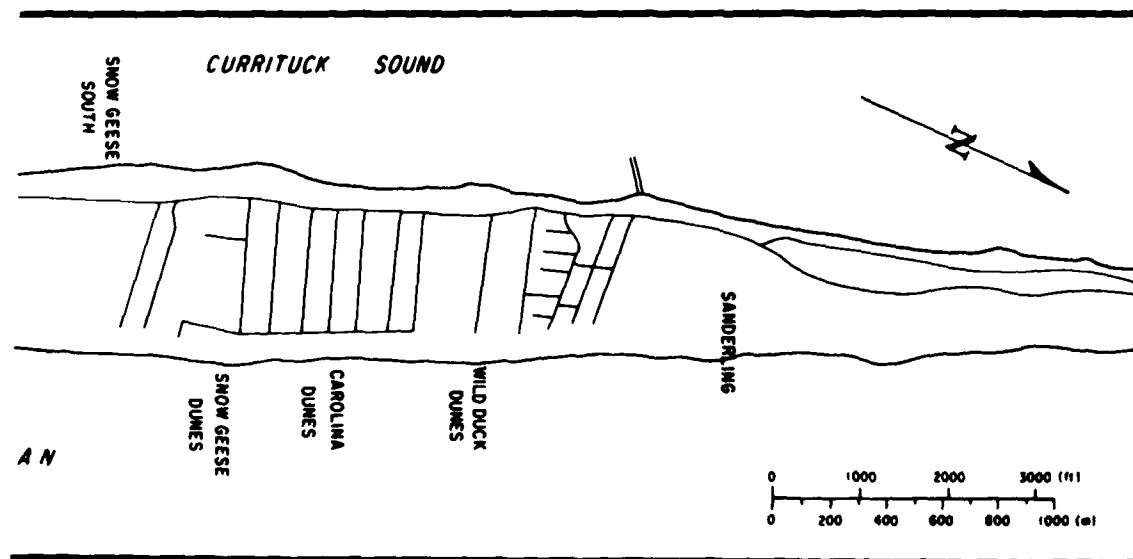
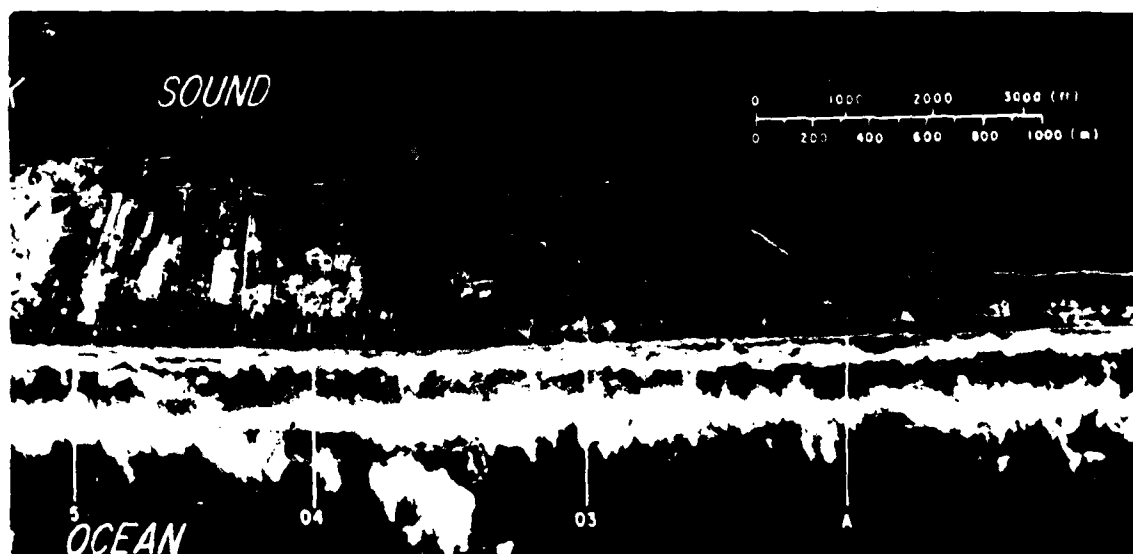


Figure 4. Aerial mosaic and map of pier site (numbers refer to profile line locations; see Table 4).--Continued

Details of the Duck site as it pertains to these items are discussed further in this guide.

Duck, North Carolina, was established in about 1909, as a small fishing village with eel and carp the predominant fishery resources. When CERC selected the Duck site in 1972 there were relatively few homes in the area; however, this situation has changed considerably. Duck has become a popular summer resort, and fast-growing resort communities are located both north and south of the area. The site had also been used previously by the Navy as a practice bombing range. Although there is evidence of the practice rounds of ammunition used during that time, there are no high explosives in the area.

Construction of the FRF pier began in August 1975. The pier was constructed in two phases, using a temporary second pier with closely spaced bents (pile groups 4.9 meters (16 feet) apart with four piles per bent) located along the south side of the FRF (Fig. 5). During the first phase of construction, 183 meters (600 feet) of pier was completed and the construction pier was removed. The second phase began in March 1976 with the reconstruction of the second pier. The entire FRF pier was completed by August 1976, and the second pier was removed in January 1977.



Figure 5. The FRF during construction, with second pier in foreground.

3. FRF Specifications.

A cross section of the pier is shown in Figure 6. The 561.1-meter-long (1,840.9 feet) pier is a reinforced concrete structure supported on concrete-filled steel pilings spaced 12.2 meters (40 feet) on center along the pier length and 4.6 meters (15 feet) on center across the width (Fig. 5). Inshore bents (numbered 6 to 20) are supported on 76-centimeter-diameter (30 inches) piles; the outer piles (bents 21 to 52) are 91 centimeters (36 inches) in diameter. The piles are embedded about 15 to 18 meters (50 to 60 feet) into the ocean bottom. Concrete erosion collars 120 and 137 centimeters (48 and 54 inches) in diameter, protect the pilings from sand abrasion, and a cathodic system provides protection from corrosion. The pier deck is 6.1 meters (20

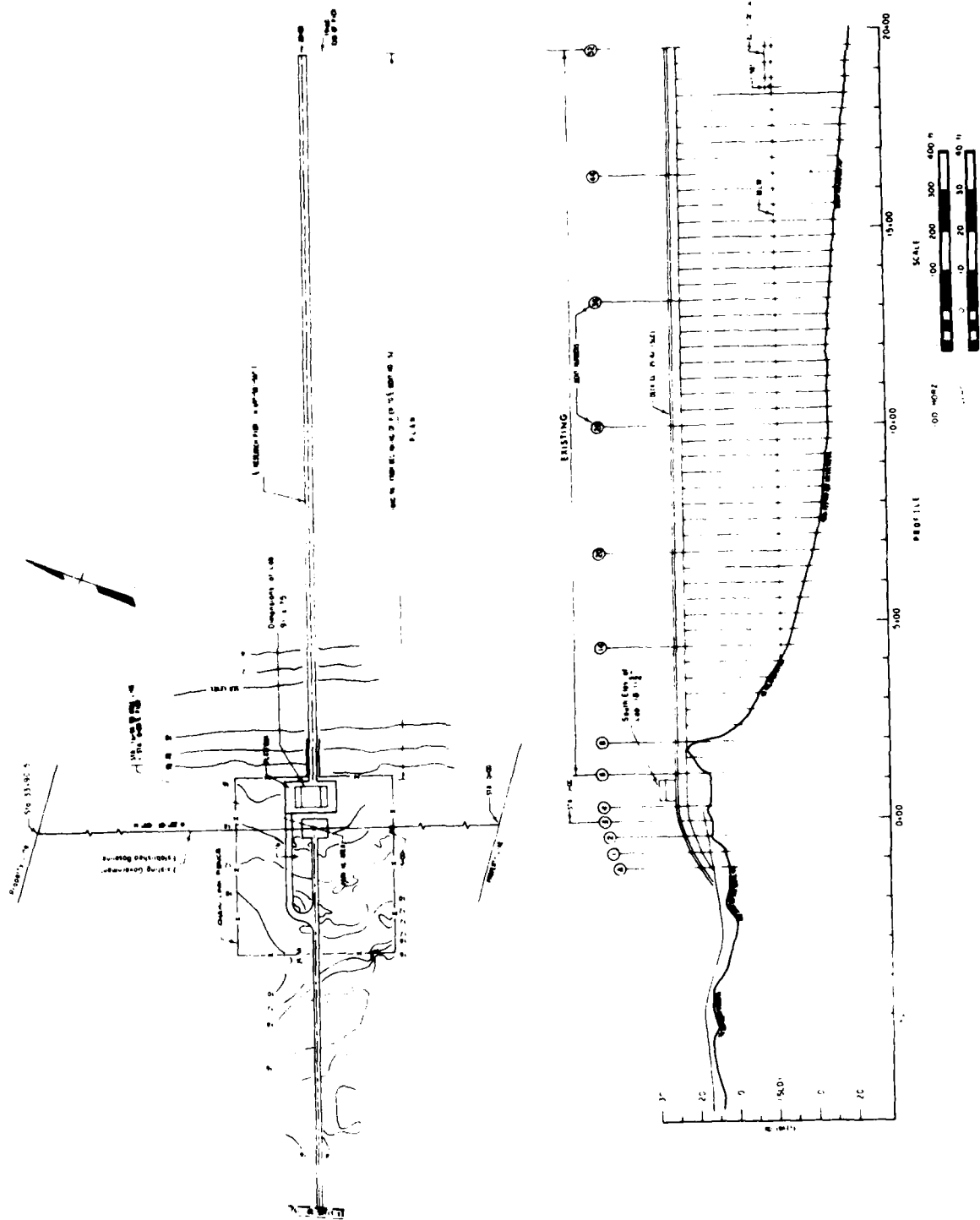


Figure 6. Plan and profile views of the FRF.

feet) wide, extends from behind the dune line to about the 6-meter depth contour, and is 7.7 meters (25.4 feet) above mean sea level (MSL). One set of railroad rails, 3.1 meters (10 feet) apart and extending from the garage of the laboratory building to the end of the pier, is used to transport heavy loads. Instrumentation cables run the length of the pier in a trough along the north side of the deck. Outlet boxes for both 220 and 115 volt power are located at 12-meter (40 feet) intervals along the south side. Removable gratings in the pier deck can be used for lowering instrumentation. There are two telephones on the pier--one at the end and one midway.

Locations on the pier are referenced by distance in feet from a monumented base line located landward of the laboratory and perpendicular to the pier centerline; e.g., the end of the pier is at station 19+40 (see Fig. 5) and the midpier telephone is at station 10+80.

Five steel piles (o.d. 6-5/8 inches) suitable for mounting instrumentation are located midway between the piles at stations 7+00, 7+80, 9+00, 10+60, and 14+20. These piles extend from the pier deck to the sea bottom.

The laboratory building includes offices, a kitchen, a library, a computer center, a garage, and a diving locker. The computer center (Fig. 7) houses a Data General NOVA-4 minicomputer. An emergency generator provides backup power for lighting and data collection equipment. The roof of the building provides a flat observation deck with an elevation of 12.4 meters (40.8 feet) above MSL.

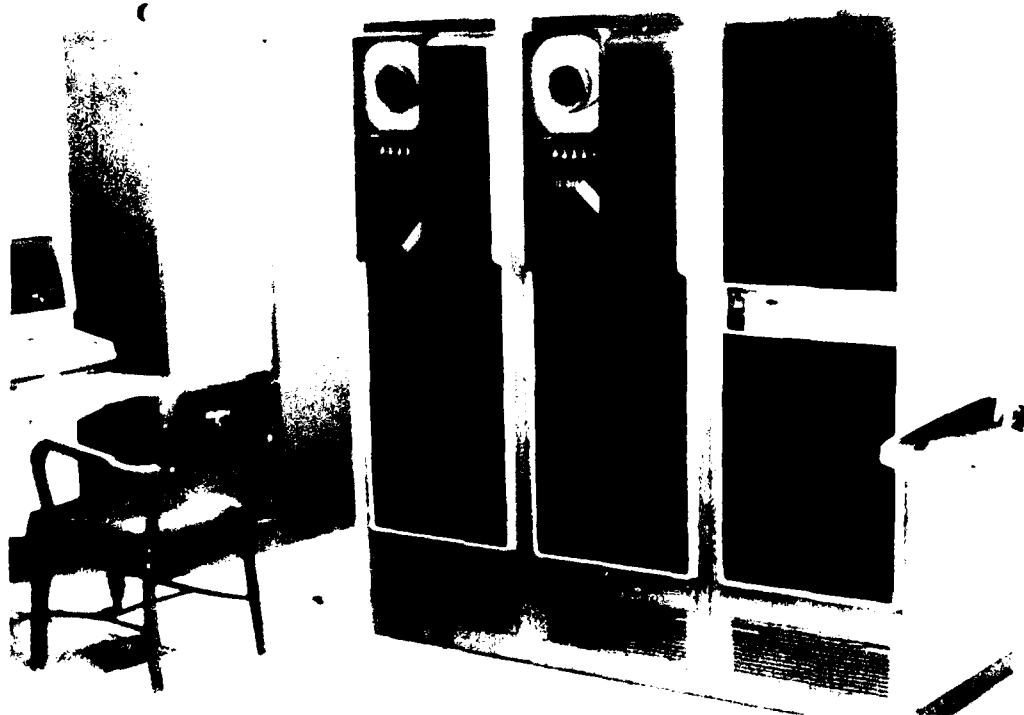


Figure 7. The FRF computer center, showing the Data General NOVA-4 minicomputer.

II. LOCAL INFORMATION

This section addresses both the available research support and the living accommodations. Please note that much of the information has been obtained from the local telephone directory, the Dare County Tourist Bureau, and the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce, and that CERC does not endorse any of the businesses listed.

1. Research Support.

The FRF staff of 10 includes the Chief, 3 scientists, 4 technicians, a computer operator, and a secretary. Requests for personnel assistance should be directed to the FRF Chief. The use of FRF personnel will require reimbursement of salaries and overhead.

a. Hours of Operation. Normal hours of operation of the FRF are from 0700 to 1700 weekdays. Special arrangements can be made for extended hours (including round the clock) and for weekends.

b. Laboratory Space. A 50- by 10- by 3 meters) trailer with electricity, heat, and air-conditioning (and more) is available to visiting scientists. An effort will also be made to accommodate sensitive instruments and recording or computing equipment within the laboratory. Nearby rental cottages may provide adequate temporary space. Free laboratory space is available at the North Carolina Marine Resources Center in Manteo, North Carolina (see Fig. 8), located 54 kilometers (34 miles) from the FRF. For further information contact:

Director
North Carolina Marine Resources Center
Manteo, NC 27954
(919) 473-3493

c. Airports and Plane Rentals. The nearest major airport is in Norfolk, Virginia, approximately 113 kilometers (70 miles) from the facility. Manteo Airport, the nearest local airport, has commuting service to Norfolk (Fig. 8). Facilities include aviation gas, keyed lighting for night flights, and ADF approach (refer to Charlotte Sectional). Aircraft can also land at First Flight Air Strip located in Kill Devil Hills just 23 kilometers (14.5 miles) south of the FRF (Fig. 8). Ground time is limited to 24 hours and the only accommodation is a telephone booth. With prior approval from the FRF, helicopters may land at the pier site. Local charter air service is available from:

- (1) First Flight Air Service, Inc.
Manteo Airport
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(919) 473-3000
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Nags Head, NC 27954
(919) 441-6247

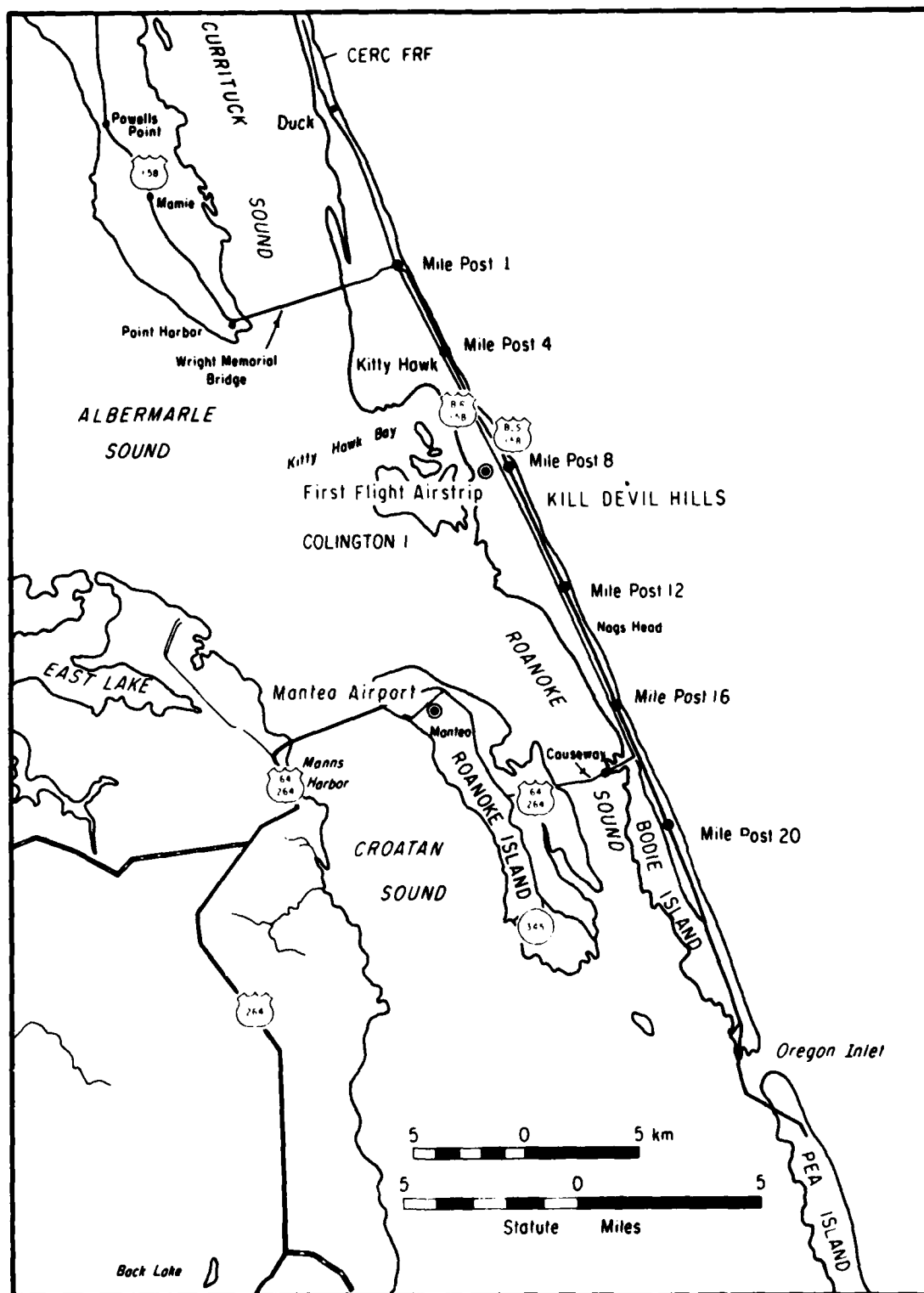


Figure 8. Map of local area (modified from U.S. Geological Survey, USGS, maps NJ 18-8, -11; NI 18-2).

d. Vehicle Use and Rentals. Vehicles with an axle width less than 3.1 meters and a weight under 900 kilograms (2,000 pounds) per wheel may be driven on the pier with permission of the FRF Chief. Beach access is provided just south of the pier. To minimize any adverse effects to the beach, all dune and beach vehicular traffic is restricted to permanent trails. During special studies or experiments, vehicular traffic will be detoured off the beach and around the property. Beach travel in Dare County is prohibited from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Rental automobiles are available at the Norfolk Airport, and may also be obtained at the Manteo Airport by contacting:

First Flight Air Service, Inc.
Manteo Airport
Manteo, NC 27954
(919) 473-3000

Between 15 May and 15 November it is also possible to obtain rental cars at the First Flight Air Strip in Kill Devil Hills by contacting:

National Car Rental System
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
(919) 441-5488

e. Boats. Except under special circumstances, visiting scientists should plan to provide their own boats. Small boats for ocean use must be launched from the shore. Larger boats must use Oregon Inlet, 56 kilometers (35 miles) south of the facility. A boat ramp for Currituck Sound is located about 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) south of the FRF. Large charter boats are available, and arrangements may be made by contacting:

Oregon Inlet Fishing Center
Box 533
Manteo, NC 27954
(919) 441-6301

f. Scuba Diving. All nongovernment scuba diving at the pier must comply with OSHA Commercial Diving Regulation (Department of Labor, 1977). Copies of the regulation may be obtained from the Diving Officer at the FRF. Divers are required to sign a statement that they have read this regulation and are in compliance. Specialized equipment required by the regulation (e.g., first aid kit, resuscitator) is available at the FRF.

Before diving permission at the pier is granted, a written dive plan (see sample in App. B) must be submitted 2 weeks in advance to the FRF Diving Officer for approval. Only no-decompression diving is permitted. In addition, the FRF Diving Officer or his assistant may cancel any diving activity if conditions warrant doing so.

Diving conditions around the FRF vary considerably. Visibility ranges from 0 to 6 meters with marginal visibility being the norm. Monthly mean water temperatures range from a mean of 4.4° Celsius (40° Fahrenheit) in February to 24.3° Celsius (75.7° Fahrenheit) in July (based on daily measurements from 1960 to 1966 at Virginia Beach, Virginia). Environmental conditions are discussed further in Section IV. Although ladders are planned, there is currently no way for divers to enter or leave the water from the pier.

g. Onsite Data Processing. The FRF is equipped with an onsite Data General NOVA-4 minicomputer with the primary function of collecting, editing, and analyzing the environmental measurements routinely collected. This computer has the capacity to handle 64 channels of analog-digital data. While this computer will not normally be available to outside users, it will be used to obtain near real-time analysis of the basic environmental measurements. This will permit users to obtain required data summaries while their experiment is underway.

Provisions have been made for users to record the output signal of a particular CERC gage or instrument. It may also be possible to have a special magnetic tape created of the data from one or a number of the CERC sensors. As mentioned previously, accommodations will be made (space permitting) for sensitive instruments inside the laboratory building. If a long period of recording of a special instrument is required, it may be possible to obtain a channel in the NOVA-4. For additional information concerning the use of data collection equipment at the FRF, contact the FRF Chief.

2. Living Accommodations.

Because of the resort nature of the area, it is important when planning an experiment to arrange for accommodations as early as possible, particularly for the months of June, July, and August. There are sufficient year-round facilities (hotels, restaurants, shopping centers) in the area to accommodate any size group and budget. Table 1 summarizes some basic details about the 20 motels closest to the FRF. The milepost values given in the table refer to the local reference system shown in Figure 8. Milepost 1 is the point where route 158 divides into 158-Business, which follows along the ocean, and 158-Bypass. Table 2 is a partial list of companies which handle house rentals. Many of them have brochures describing their listings. The nearest campground is located 1.6 kilometers south of the FRF. For further information contact:

Ocean Beach Campground
Box 223D
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(919) 261-2200

More complete information on the area facilities is available in annual brochures published by:

- (1) Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 90D
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(919) 261-2626 and (919) 261-2033
- (2) Dare County Tourist Bureau
P.O. Box 399
Manteo, NC 27954
(919) 473-2138

During the tourist season, the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce also operates a vacancy referral service which identifies the motels with vacancies.

Table 1. Motels closest to the FRF.

Motel and telephone No.	Address ¹	Relative cost ²	Distance to FRF (mi)	Milepost ³	Comments ⁴
Sea Hawk (919) 261-2424	SR-Box 130T Kitty Hawk, NC	L-H	6.6	1	CYLTA
Sea Kove Motel (919) 261-9771	Box 168B Kitty Hawk, NC	L-M	7.8	3	SCLTA
The Buccaneer (919) 261-2030	SR-Box 53 Kitty Hawk, NC	L-M	10.1	5.25	SCYLTA
Bel Air Motel (919) 441-6132	Box 37T Kill Devil Hills, NC	M-H	10.6	5.8	SCLTA
Tan-A-Rama Motel (919) 441-7315	Box 1325T Kill Devil Hills, NC	H-E	11.1	6.5	SCLTA
Kill Devil Manor (919) 441-5356	Route 1, Box 418 Kill Devil Hills, NC	M-H	11.2	6.5	CYLTA
Mariner Motel (919) 441-7255	Box 407T Kill Devil Hills, NC	H-E	11.8	7	SCLTA
Sea Ranch Motel (919) 441-7126	Box 633T Kill Devil Hills, NC	H-E	11.8	7	SCYLKTA
Nettlewood Motel (919) 441-5039	Box 367 Kill Devil Hills, NC	L-M	11.9	7	CYLTA
Chart House Motel (919) 441-7418	Box 432T Kill Devil Hills, NC	M-H	11.9	7	SCLTA
The Croatian Inn (919) 441-7232	Kill Devil Hills, NC	L-H	12.5	7.5	LRTA
Colony IV Motel (919) 441-5581	Box 287R Kill Devil Hills, NC	H-E	13.6	8.5	SCYLTA
The Cavalier (919) 441-5584	Box 385 Kill Devil Hills, NC	L-H	13.6	8.5	SCYLTA
First Flight Inn (919) 441-5007	Box 698 Kill Devil Hills, NC	M-H	13.8	9	SCLTA
Holiday Inn (919) 441-6333	Box 308T Kill Devil Hills, NC	H-E	14.6	10	SCYLRTA
Outer Banks Motor Lodge (919) 441-7404	Box 747T Nags Head, NC	M-E	14.6	10	SCLTA
Ocean House Motel (919) 441-7328	Box 12 Kill Devil Hills, NC	M-E	14.7	10	SLTA
John Yancey Motor Inn (919) 441-7141	Box 422D Kill Devil Hills, NC	M-H	14.8	10	SCYLTA
Carolinian (919) 441-7171	Box 370 Nags Head, NC	M-H	15.3	10.5	SYLRTA
Cabana East Motel (919) 441-7106	Box 969T Nags Head, NC	---	15.9	11	SCYLRTA

¹All motels are located along route 158-Business. Zip codes include: Kitty Hawk, 27949; Kill Devil Hills, 27948; Nags Head, 27959.

²L, low; M, moderate; H, high; E, expensive.

³Refers to reference system in Figure 8.

⁴S, swimming pool; C, cooking; Y, open all year; L, low offseason rates; R, restaurant; T, television; A, air-conditioned.

Table 2. Rental companies.¹

Company and telephone No.	Address ²	Approx. No.	
		cottages	apts.
Britt Real Estate (919) 261-3566	S.R. Box 272 Kitty Hawk, NC	15	16
Century 21 - Anchorage Realty (919) 441-6800	P.O. Box 14 Kill Devil Hills, NC	---	--
Cobia Realty (919) 441-6391	Rt. 1, Box 775 Nags Head, NC	55	--
Kitty Dunes Realty (919) 261-2171	P.O. Box 275 Kitty Hawk, NC	110	--
Kitty Hawk Realty & Rentals (919) 441-7166	Box 69T Kill Devil Hills, NC	---	--
Joe Lamb, Jr. & Associates (919) 441-5541	Box 609 Nags Head, NC	200	--
Midgett Realty (919) 441-6666	Box 1066 Kill Devil Hills, NC	44	--
Marvin Minton Real Estate Co. (919) 441-6422	Box 515 Nags Head, NC	35	--
Nags Head Realty (919) 441-4311	Box 726 Nags Head, NC	10	--
Ocean Acres Realty, Inc. (919) 441-5528	Box 656 Kill Devil Hills, NC	30	--
Outer Banks, Ltd. (919) 441-5000	Box 129T Nags Head, NC	132	--
Real Escapes (Frost Morrison Realty) (919) 261-3211	Box 299F Kitty Hawk, NC	28	--
Rollason & Wood Realty, Inc. (919) 441-5551	Box 326 Kill Devil Hills, NC	105	--
Sanderling (919) 261-2181	Box 1111 Kill Devil Hills, NC	10	--
Southern Shores Realty Co., Inc. (919) 261-2000	Box 150 Kitty Hawk, NC	200	--
Twenty Twenty Realty, Ltd. (919) 441-6306	Box 2020 Nags Head, NC	13	--
Wright Realty (919) 261-2186	Box 166 Kitty Hawk, NC	85	--
Robert A. Young & Associates (919) 441-5544	Box 285 Kill Devil Hills, NC	350	--
Twiddy and Company (919) 261-3521	S.R. Box 232C Kitty Hawk, NC	---	--

¹This alphabetical list of licensed rental agents is taken from the 1979 Dare County and Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce Accommodation Directories. Not all agents necessarily have rentals near the FRF.

²Zip codes include: Kitty Hawk, 27949; Kill Devil Hills, 27948; Nags Head, 27959.

III. BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL MEASUREMENTS

A variety of oceanographic and meteorological instruments have been installed at the FRF in support of a basic environmental measurements program established in late 1977 to collect data on local conditions. The program consists of daily measurements of wave, current, water level, water temperature and salinity, wind and weather conditions, quarterly aerial photographic missions, and periodic beach and bathymetric surveys. In addition, daily photos and visual observations and weekly bottom surveys along the pier are collected. The data are available to anyone interested and may be obtained by writing to:

U.S. Army Coastal Engineering Research Center
Technical Information Division
Coastal Engineering Information and Analysis Center (CERTI-CE)
Kingman Building
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

The requestor will be responsible for reproduction and mailing costs; requests should be specific. Questions may be directed to the Technical Information Division by telephoning (202) 325-7386. Monthly data reports, starting with October 1980, are available the month following collection. Annual reports summarizing a year of data collection will also be prepared. Near real-time data summaries will be available to researchers working at the FRF. Miller (1980) describes the instrumentation at the FRF.

1. Instrumentation.

Table 3 summarizes the instrument installations presently included in the measurement program; locations are shown in Figure 9. Of particular interest is the X-band radar used to obtain wave directions. The radar unit is located on the laboratory roof. Details of the system are reported by Mattie and Harris (1979).

Not included in Table 3 is an Sxy gage installed by Scripps Institute of Oceanography in September 1980. It consists of a four pressure-gage array capable of measuring near real-time directional wave spectra. The data and analysis are available interactively via a computer terminal and in monthly data reports.

The visual observation program consists of data collected daily at the pier end, pier nearshore, and on the beach. These observations supplement the instrument records by providing information on the type of breaker, direction of wave approach, width of the surf zone, littoral currents, beach slope, the presence of rip currents, water quality, and prevailing weather conditions.

Lead-line surveys are made weekly along both the north and south sides of the pier, using a graduated surveying tape with a 5-pound weight attached. The same positions along the pier are measured midway between the pier bents, to minimize the effect of the scour around the pilings. Periodic surveys to a depth of 9 meters are also made of profile lines located approximately 500 meters north and south of the pier.

Table 3. Summary of instrumentation.

Station No.	Type of sensor	Type of data	Location	Elevation of sensor (MSL) (ft) / m	Data record	Initial installation	Major gaps in data
615	Continuous-wire staff (Baylor Co.)	Wave	Station 6+20 FRF pier	-7.5 -2.8	20-min digital record 4 pts/s; 4 times/day	Nov. 1977	June 1978
625	Continuous-wire staff (Baylor Co.)	Wave	Station 19+00 FRF pier	-27 -8.2	20-min digital record 4 pts/s; 4 times/day	Nov. 1977	June 1978
610	Wave rider buoy (1-m diam.) (Datawell)	Wave	220 m (721 ft) north, 200 m (656 ft) east of seaward end of FRF pier	-23 -7.0	20-min digital record 4 pts/s; 4 times/day	July 1978	-----
620	Wave rider buoy (1-m diam.) (Datawell)	Wave	2.1 km (1.3 mi) east of seaward end of FRF pier	-59 -18.0	20-min digital record 4 pts/s; 4 times/day	July 1978	Nov. - Dec. 1978
611	Pressure gage	Wave	23 m (75 ft) east of seaward end of FRF pier	-18.4 -5.6	20-min digital record 4 pts/s; 4 times/day	Nov. 1977	Oct. 1978- Aug. 1980
621	Pressure gage	Wave	170 m (560 ft) north of seaward end of FRF pier	-17.7 -5.4	20-min digital record 4 pts/s; 4 times/day	July 1980	-----
619, 623 Charted X, Y	Electromagnetic current meter (Marsh-McBirney)	Mean and wave-induced bottom currents	23 m (75 ft) east of seaward end of FRF pier	-18.4 -5.6	20-min digital record 4 pts/s; 4 times/day	To be installed	-----
639, 643 Charted X, Y	Electromagnetic current meter (Marsh-McBirney)	Mean and wave-induced bottom currents	170 m (560 ft) north of seaward end of FRF pier	-17.7 -5.4	20-min digital record 4 pts/s; 4 times/day	July 1980	To present intermittent
865-131	Float-activated tide gage (Leupold-Stevens)	Water level	Station 19+60 FRF pier end	-27 -8.2	Digital record One sample/6 min	Oct. 1978	-----
865-135	Bubbler (pressure) tide gage	Water level	305 m (1,000 ft) west, Currituck Sound shore	-5 -1.5	Continuous analog strip chart	Oct. 1977	Installation terminated, Feb. 1978
865-136	Pressure tide gage (Watercraft)	Water level	305 m west, Currituck Sound shore	-4 -1.2	Continuous analog strip chart	July 1978	Feb. 1979, Feb.-July 1980
	X-band radar	Wave direction	Station 19+00 FRF pier	-----	1-min film record 4 times/day	June 1978	-----
	F420 anemometer (National Weather Service)	Wind speed and direction	76 m (250 ft) landward of dune	-----	Daily by technician	Feb. 1978	Installation terminated, Sept. 1980
	F420 anemometer (National Weather Service)	Wind speed and direction	FRF laboratory	62 19	Continuous analog strip chart	Oct. 1980	-----
	F420 anemometer (National Weather Service)	Wind speed and direction	Station 14+00 FRF pier	46 14	Continuous analog strip chart	Oct. 1980	-----
	Microbarograph (Belfort Inst. Co.)	Atmospheric pressure	FRF laboratory (inside)	-----	Continuous analog strip chart	Mar. 1978	-----
	Aneroid Barometer (National Weather Service)	Atmospheric pressure	FRF laboratory (inside)	-----	Daily by technician	Mar. 1978	-----
	Weksler thermometers (National Weather Service)	Max./min. air temperature	Instrumentation shack, 90 m (300 ft) landward of dune	-----	Daily by technician	Mar. 1978	-----
	12-in weighing rain gage (Belfort Inst. Co.)	Precipitation	87 m (288 ft) landward of dune	-----	Continuous analog strip chart	Mar. 1978	-----
	6-in rain gage (Edwards Hg. Co.)	Precipitation	82 m (270 ft) landward of dune	-----	Daily by technician	Mar. 1978	-----
	Weksler sling psychrometer (National Weather Service)	Dew point	Instrumentation shack	-----	Daily by technician	Dec. 1978	-----
	Mechanical pyranograph (Weather Measure Corp.)	Solar radiation	Instrumentation shack	-----	Continuous analog strip chart	Jan. 1979	-----
	Conductivity/temperature (Hydrolab Corp.)	Water conductivity and temperature	Station 14+20 FRF pier	-----	Continuous analog strip chart	July 1981	-----

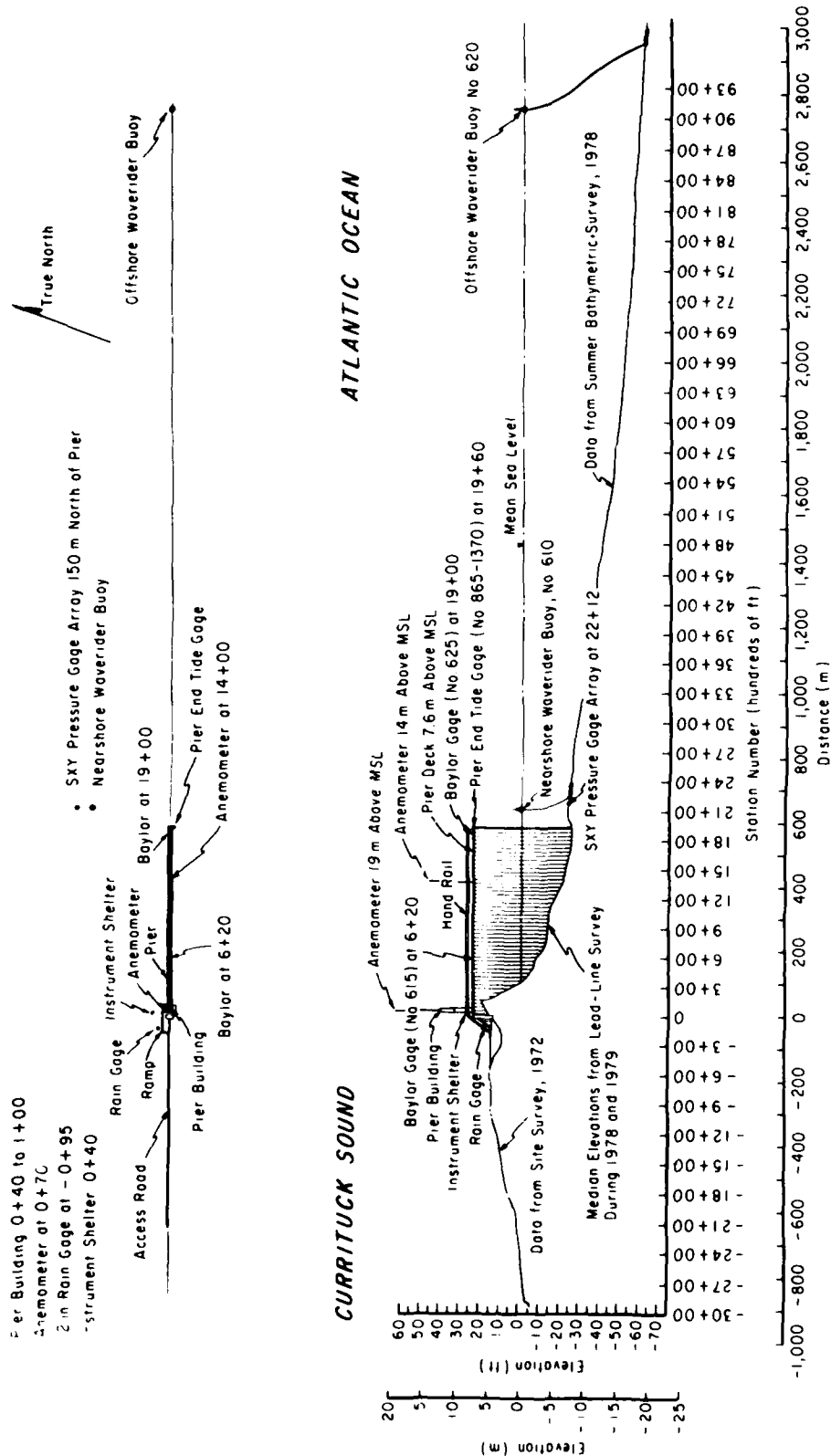


Figure 9. Instrument locations at the FRF.

2. Surveying Control.

a. Local Control. There is extensive monumentation on both the sound and ocean sides of the FRF site (Fig. 10). Large-scale versions of Figure 10 with complete monumentation are available from the FRF. The primary oceanside monuments are along a base line located landward of the laboratory and perpendicular to the pier centerline. U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington (SAW), has established a series of concrete monuments along this base line at 45.72- and 152.4-meter (150 and 500 feet) intervals. Other monuments at varying intervals have been established in support of CERC beach and bathymetric surveys. Many of the monuments along the base-line have permanent pipe monuments (front and back) to define profile azimuths perpendicular to the base line. Table 4 provides a summary of the base line monumentation according to distance along the base line and distance from the pier centerline. All these have been surveyed to third-order accuracy. Documentation on each monument is available.

One concrete monument and two series of profile lines have been established on the sound side to monitor sound changes. Further details about these lines are given in Section VI.

A series of very stable monuments, which will eventually be tied into first-order control, has been established by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in support of the tide gaging program. Information about these monuments is available at FRF.

Because of the profusion of monuments at the FRF, users are requested to use established monuments if possible. Temporary monuments, stakes, pipes, etc., must be clearly labeled as to owner and must be removed on completion of study. To ensure that valuable monuments are not removed or lost during extended studies, the monuments should be documented as to location, markings, date of installation, etc., using form DA 1959 (copy in App. C); a copy of the form is then given to the FRF Chief. Special care should be taken to minimize pedestrian effects on the dune and beach.

b. Island Control. The CERC monuments indicated in Table 4 are part of the series of 62 profile lines shown in Figure 11. Each line has three monuments: a brass disk on a concrete post and two pipes (front and rear) to define the profile azimuth. Additionally, third-order vertical control has also been established on each of the five fishing piers. Complete documentation for the profile lines may be obtained from the FRF Chief. All the lines are on private property, so written permission to survey must be obtained in advance from the owners. Data collected at these lines under CERC's Beach Evaluation Program (BEP) from May 1974 to January 1977 are discussed in Section V and summarized in Section VIII.

3. Bathymetric Surveying.

The accuracy of the bathymetric surveys depends on the survey methods used. The current procedure consists of dividing the survey lines into beach and nearshore zones.

The area from the beach to the 9-meter (30 feet) contour is surveyed using the innovative three-legged vehicle, the Coastal Research Amphibious Buggy (CRAB), shown in Figure 12. Designed and constructed by the Wilmington

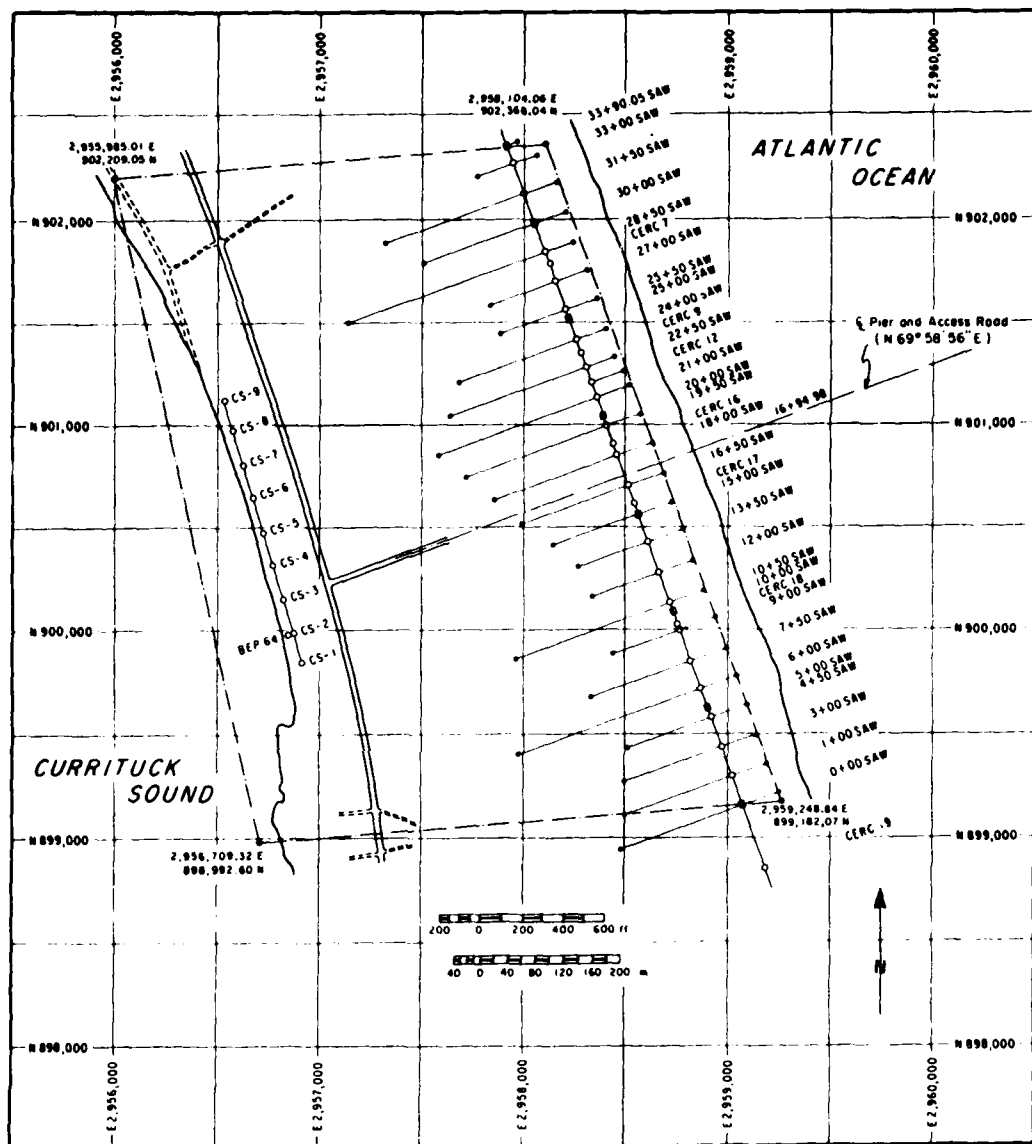


Figure 10. Map of FRF site showing location of primary survey monuments. Large-scale copies with more complete documentation are available.

Table 4. FRF base-line monumentation.

Profile No.	Pre-1980 designation	Distance along base line (ft) ¹	Distance from ϵ of pier (ft) ²	Elevation NGVD (ft)	Type of monument ³
25	A	14,195 ⁴	-12,500 ⁴	12.55	C1
30	CERC 3	10,476.91 ⁴	-8,781.93 ⁴	13.41	C1
40	CERC 4	7,163.73	-5,468.75	15.85	C1
50	CERC 5	4,663.73	-2,968.75	14.79	C1 ⁵
60	CERC 6	3,413.73	-1,718.75	12.36	D
61	SAW 33+90.05	3,390.05	-1,695.07	14.45	C
62	SAW 33+00	3,300.00	-1,605.02	13.15	P1
64	SAW 31+50	3,150.00	-1,455.02	12.52	P1
66	SAW 30+00	3,000.00	-1,305.02	14.70	P1
67	SAW 28+50	2,850.00	-1,155.02	12.36	P1
70	CERC 7	2,788.73	-1,093.75	12.92	C1
73	SAW 27+00	2,700.00	-1,005.02	13.14	P1
76	SAW 25+50	2,550.00	-855.02	12.00	P1
78	SAW 25+00	2,500.00	-305.02	12.33	C
80	CERC 8	2,476.23	-781.25	12.75	C1
85	SAW 24+00	2,400.00	-705.02	12.24	P1
90	CERC 9	2,319.98	-625.00	12.51	C1
95	SAW 22+50	2,250.00	-555.02	13.26	P1
100	CERC 10	2,241.86	-546.88	13.31	C1
110	CERC 11	2,202.80	-507.82	14.99	C1
120	CERC 12	2,163.73	-468.75	12.50	C1
130	CERC 13	2,124.66	-429.58	13.04	C1
135	SAW 21+00	2,100.00	-405.02	16.14	P1
140	CERC 14	2,085.60	-390.62	13.45	C1
150	CERC 15	2,007.48	-312.50	12.88	C1
151	SAW 20+00	2,000.00	-305.02	13.10	C
155	SAW 19+50	1,950.00	-255.02	13.80	P1
160	CERC 16	1,851.23	-156.25	14.18	C1
161	SAW 18+00	1,800.00	-105.02	15.76	P1
162	B	1,769.98	-75.00	16.05	P2
163		1,725.00	-30.02	17.77	
164	CERC 68	1,704.98	-10.0		NP
165	SAW 16+94.98	1,694.98	ϵ	17.56	D

Table 4. FRF base-line monumentation.--Continued

Profile No.	Pre-1980 designation	Distance along base line (ft) ¹	Distance from ϵ of pier (ft) ²	Elevation NGVD (ft)	Type of monument ³
166	CERC 69	1,684.98	10.0		SP
167	SAW 16+50	1,650.00	44.98	19.04	P1
168	C	1,619.98	75.00	17.55	P2
169		1,575.00	119.98	16.65	P1
170	CERC 17	1,538.73	156.25	14.11	C1
171	SAW 15+00	1,500.00	194.98	15.10	C1
173	D	1,375.00	319.98	16.97	P2
174	SAW 13+50	1,350.00	344.98	14.89	P1
175	E	1,295.00	399.98	14.71	P2
176	SAW 12+00	1,200.00	494.98	17.59	P1
178	SAW 10+50	1,050.00	644.98	16.15	P1
179	SAW 10+00	1,000.00	694.98	15.70	C
180	CERC 18	913.73	781.25	14.36	
181	SAW 9+00	900.00	794.93	14.23	P1
182	SAW 7+50	750.00	944.98	16.24	P1
183	SAW 6+00	600.00	1,094.98	14.16	P1
184	SAW 5+00	500.00	1,194.98	13.48	C
185	SAW 4+50	450.00	1,244.98	14.76	P1
186	SAW 3+00	300.00	1,394.98	15.10	P1
187	SAW 1+50	150.00	1,544.98	14.90	P1
188	SAW 0+00	0.00	1,694.98	15.14	C1
190	CERC 19	-336.27	2,031.25	16.14	C1
200	CERC 20	-2,836.27	4,531.25	16.05	C1
207	F	-5,805 ⁴	7,500 ⁴	16.44	C1
220	CERC 22	-10,884 ⁴	12,579 ⁴	19.16	C1

¹Distances given along the base line are relative to a monument on the south property line (positive to the north).

²Pier coordinate system: positive distance seaward and to the south.

³Monument types: C, concrete; C1, concrete with front and rear pipes; D, monument destroyed; NP, north pier edge; P1, capped pipe with front and rear pipes; P2, pipe with front pipe only; SP, south pier edge.

⁴Monument not on base line; distance approximate.

⁵Monument buried.

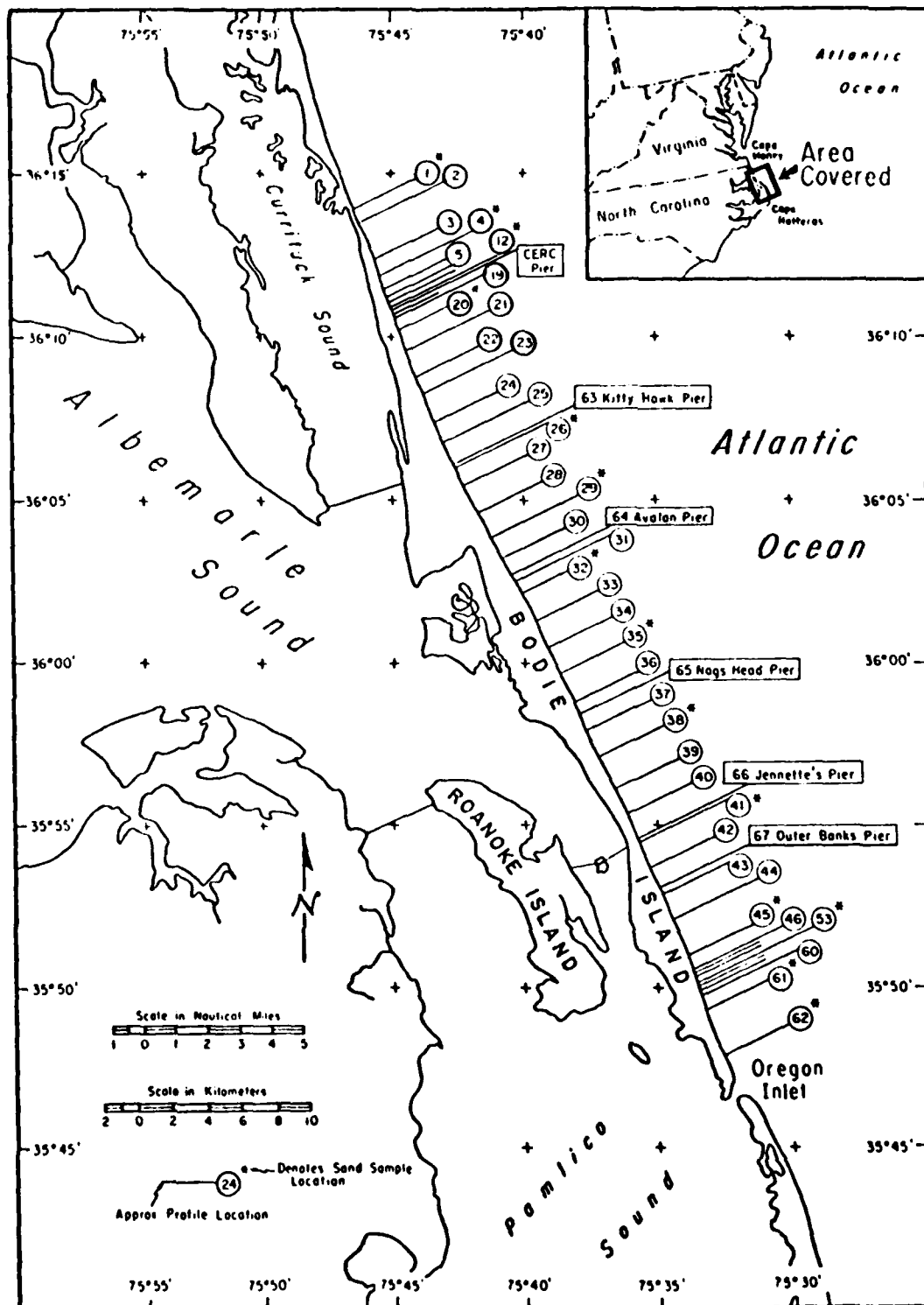


Figure 11. CERC profile line locations (pre-1980 designations).



Figure 12. Coastal Research Amphibious Buggy (CRAB).

District for nearshore surveying, the CRAB provides a stable platform in wave heights up to 1.8 meters (6 feet). Top speed is 3 kilometers (2 miles) per hour. Position and elevation are determined by targeting a prism mounted on the CRAB with an electronic survey system which also produces computer compatible data.

Surveying of the beach from the base line to the water line is done using the same system but using a person holding a prism at each survey point.

Pre-1981 surveys used more conventional surveying procedures. Generally, a sea sled or fathometer was used for the nearshore (out to 700 meters) and a fathometer for the offshore (out to 3,000 meters).

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

This section summarizes available environmental data and information useful for planning studies at the FRF.

1. General Weather.

The FRF has a favorable marine climate with mild winters and warm temperate summers. The nearest weather stations with long periods of record are Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and Norfolk, Virginia. Table 5 provides a NOAA summary of the normal, mean, and extreme meteorological data for each of these stations. More detailed information including monthly summaries and three-hourly measurements can be obtained from:

Environmental Data and Information Service
The National Climatic Center
Federal Building
Asheville, NC 28801

Figure 13 is a plot of monthly wind roses compiled from 1,853 observations at Sea Crest, North Carolina, 5 kilometers (3 miles) south of the FRF (see Fig. 1), using a hand-held Dwyer wind meter, from January 1972 to December 1978. Note the predominant winds from the northeast and southwest with the highest percentage of strong winds from the north and northeast. Wind distribution varies considerably from month to month.

2. Waves.

a. Ocean. Thompson (1977) summarized the wave climate for the area using measurements collected by a wave gage on Jennette's Fishing Pier (Fig. 11) from December 1968 to January 1975. This data set has been updated to include measurements to December 1979.

Figure 14 shows the seasonal variation in mean and standard deviation of the monthly wave height and period. Peak waves occur in October and February. Joint monthly distributions of significant wave height and period distributions are given in Appendix D. Table 6 is a summary of the distribution for the entire period, indicating the mean average wave height is 0.88 meter (2.9 feet) and the mean period is 8.9 seconds. Higher waves have been measured in the deeper water at the FRF. Figure 15 shows wave action during an October 1980 storm when the significant wave height reached 3.8 meters (12.5 feet). Measurements have also been made of breaking waves. Average monthly values for 7 years of observations at Sea Crest are shown in Figure 16.

The only historic wave direction information available is taken from LEO observations. Wave roses are shown in Figure 17. Predominant wave directions are shore normal (90°) and just right of shore normal (90° to 95°). Waves tend to approach the shore from the right in summer and from the left in the winter.

b. Sound. Because of the limited fetch across Currituck Sound, waves on the sound shore are usually an irregular chop of less than 15 centimeters (0.5 foot). The average fetch is 7.3 kilometers (4.4 miles); the longest fetch is 8.9 kilometers (5.3 miles). The sound is extremely shallow and gently sloping (less than 1 percent). The deepest areas, which average only 2.7 meters (9 feet) in depth, are on the western shore. Wave heights and setup during extreme events have not been documented.

Table 5. Meteorological data: normals, means, and extremes.

Norfolk, Virginia

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Year
Normal High	61	64	68	72	76	80	83	85	84	80	74	67	74
Normal Low	38	41	44	47	50	53	56	58	57	53	47	40	48
Mean	50	53	56	59	63	66	69	71	70	66	60	53	61
Max	85	88	91	94	97	100	103	105	104	100	94	87	100
Min	23	26	29	32	35	38	41	43	42	38	32	25	38
Record High	91	94	97	100	103	106	109	112	111	107	101	94	112
Record Low	19	22	25	28	31	34	37	39	38	34	28	21	39

Cape Hatteras, North Carolina

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Year
Normal High	58	61	65	69	73	77	80	82	81	77	71	64	71
Normal Low	35	38	41	44	47	50	53	55	54	50	44	37	45
Mean	47	50	53	56	60	63	66	68	67	63	57	50	58
Max	82	85	88	91	94	97	100	102	101	97	91	84	101
Min	22	25	28	31	34	37	40	42	41	37	31	24	37
Record High	88	91	94	97	100	103	106	108	107	103	97	90	108
Record Low	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	38	37	33	27	20	38

8 record 1973 to 1979.

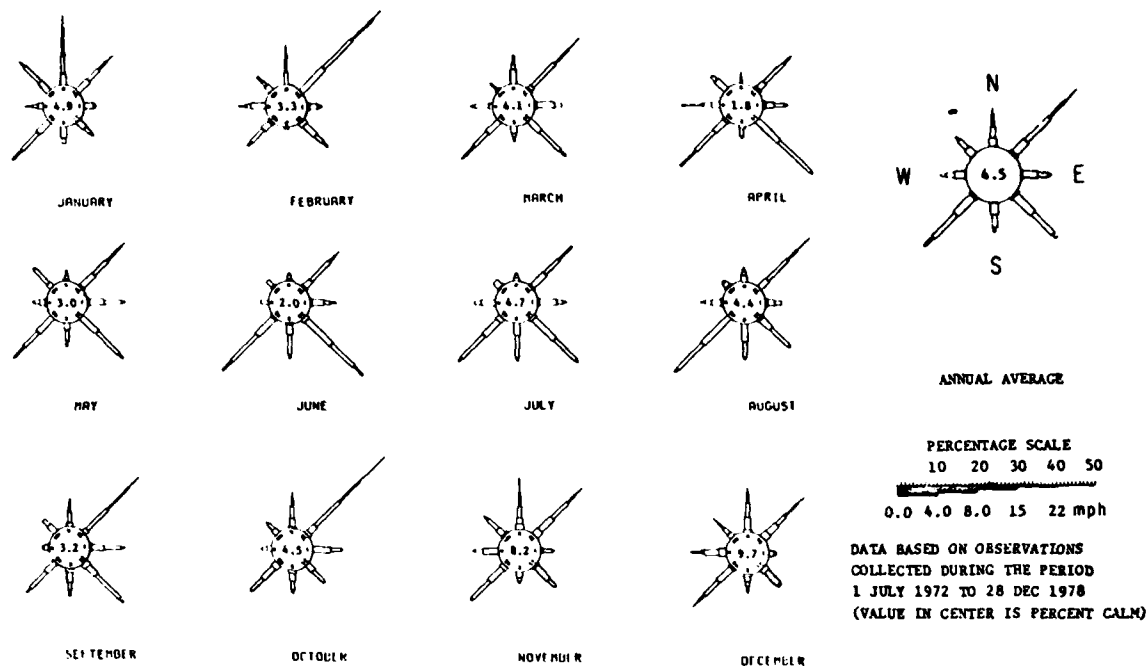


Figure 13. Wind roses at Sea Crest, North Carolina.

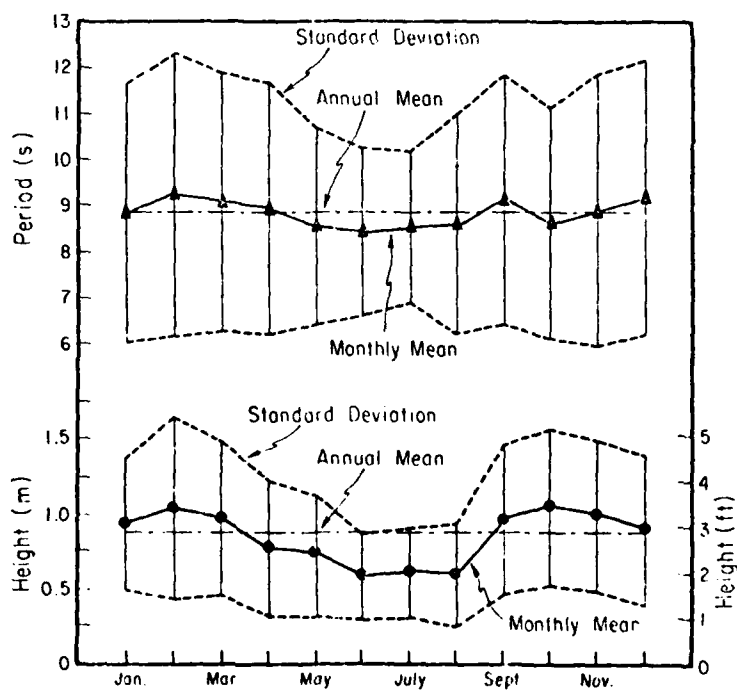


Figure 14. Seasonal variation in mean significant wave height and mean peak spectral period (from the CERC wave gage at Nags Head, North Carolina).

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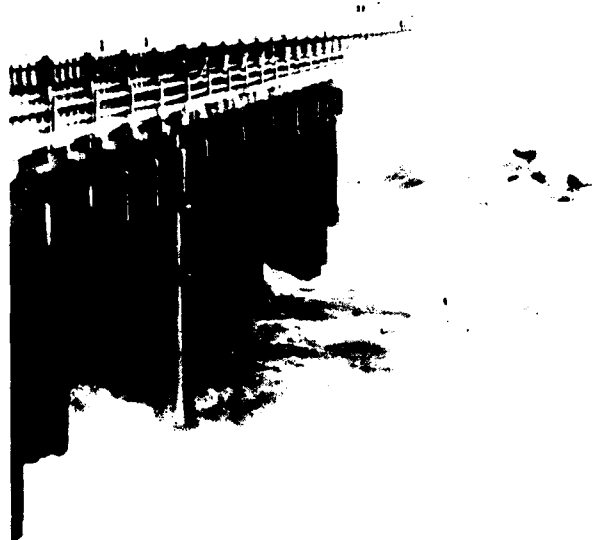


Figure 15. Storm waves breaking along the FRF, 25 October 1980.

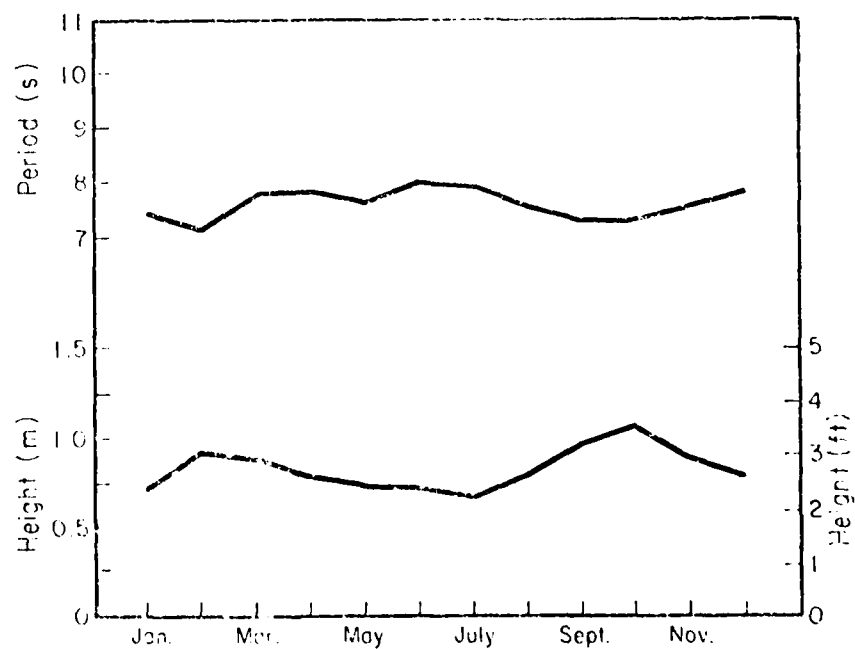


Figure 16. Seasonal variation in visually observed mean breaking wave height and mean period from Sea Crest, North Carolina (July 1972 to December 1978, 1,855 observations).

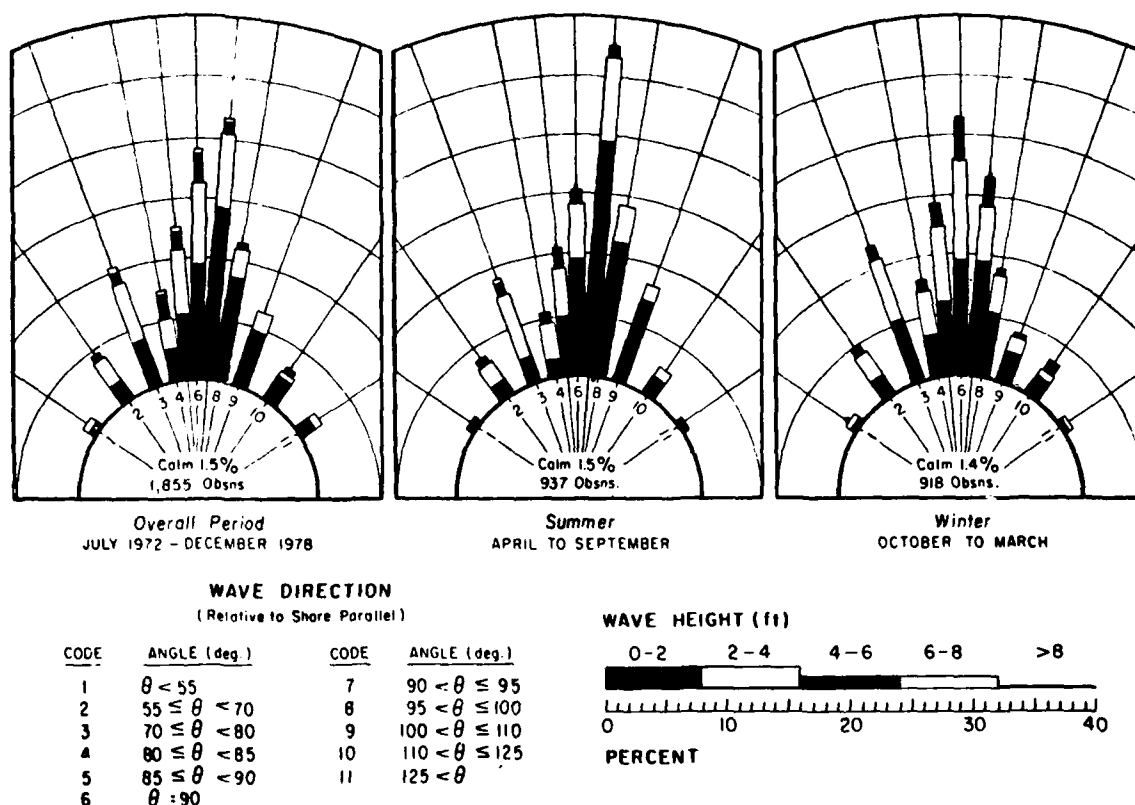


Figure 17. Distribution of breaking wave directions at Sea Crest, North Carolina.

3. Currents.

Visual observations of longshore currents have been made at Sea Crest (see Fig. 1) since 1972 by timing the movement of floating foam in the surf zone. A sample year of data (1973) is plotted in Figure 18. Although reversals are common, the mean current from July 1972 to December 1978 was to the north. This is in contrast to the predicted direction of longshore transport, based on the visual wave data, which was predominantly to the south (see Sec. IV,5). Other currents which affect the area are rip currents, low salinity water masses, and Gulf Stream eddies.

Rip currents are frequently found at varying locations including under the pier. The low-salinity water masses, believed to originate in the Chesapeake Bay, are huge slugs of lower salinity water which move southward along the shore at an estimated velocity of about 0.23 meter (0.75 foot) per second. The edge is clearly discernible by both water color and turbulence. Two views of the phenomena are shown in Figure 19. Warm, clear water masses presumably resulting from Gulf Stream eddies have also been observed. These masses sometimes have a foam-line edge and can contain tropical fish.

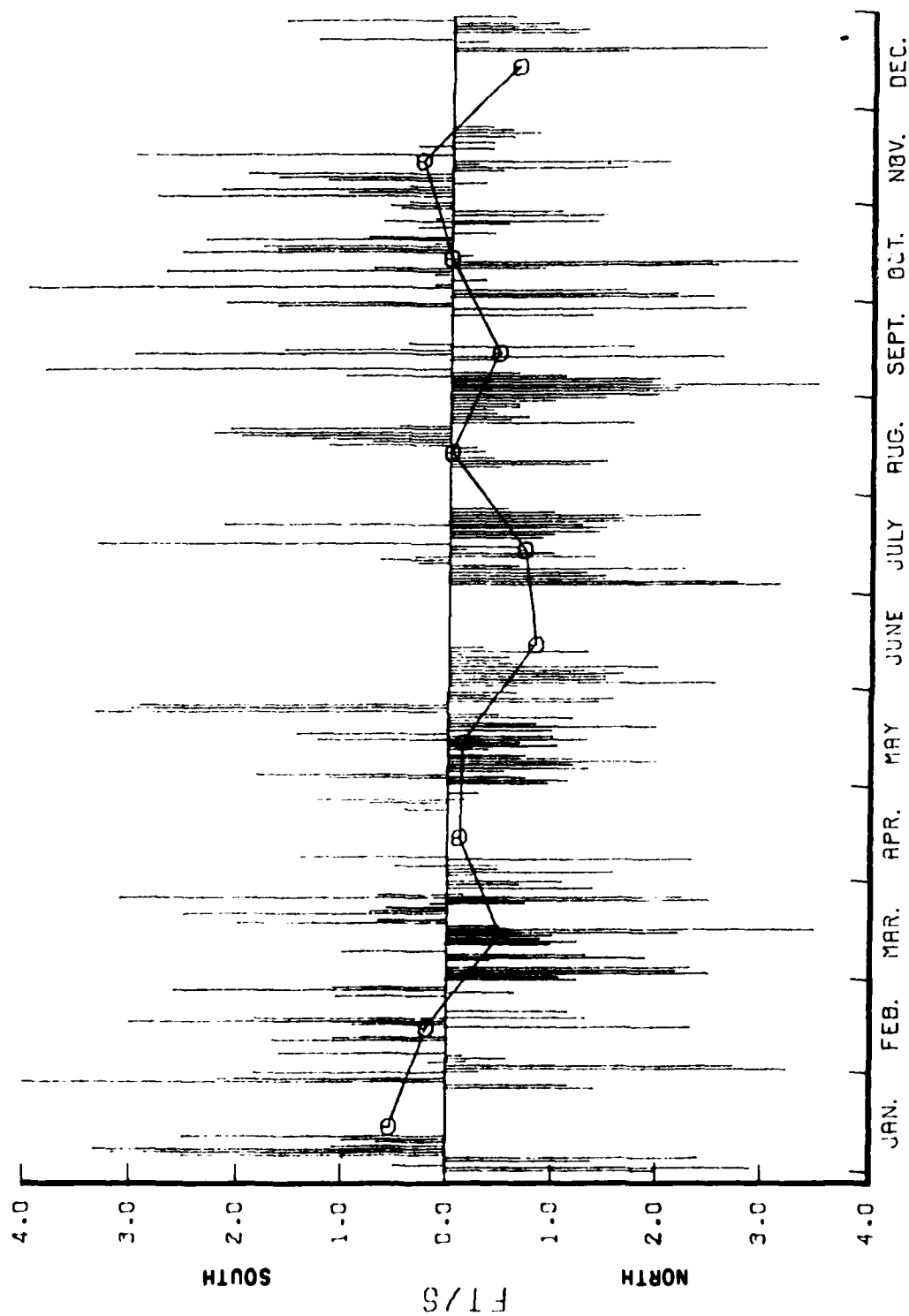


Figure 18. Longshore current at Sea Crest, North Carolina, 1973.



Figure 19. Two views of southward-moving edge of fresh-water mass. Photos taken from a point south of Carolla, North Carolina.

4. Storms.

The area is affected by both extratropical (northeasters) and tropical (hurricanes) cyclones. Bosserman and Dolan (1968), who examined the intensity and frequency of extratropical storms affecting North Carolina, classified 857 storms according to the 10 tracks shown in Figure 20; note that seven of the tracks pass the FRF site. The most damaging storms follow the three widest arrows (2, 3, and 4). The severest situation occurs when the movement of a track 2 storm is slowed by a blocking high-pressure system to the north. This occurred during the Great East Coast Storm of March 1962 and resulted in strong northeasterly winds of long duration over a long fetch.

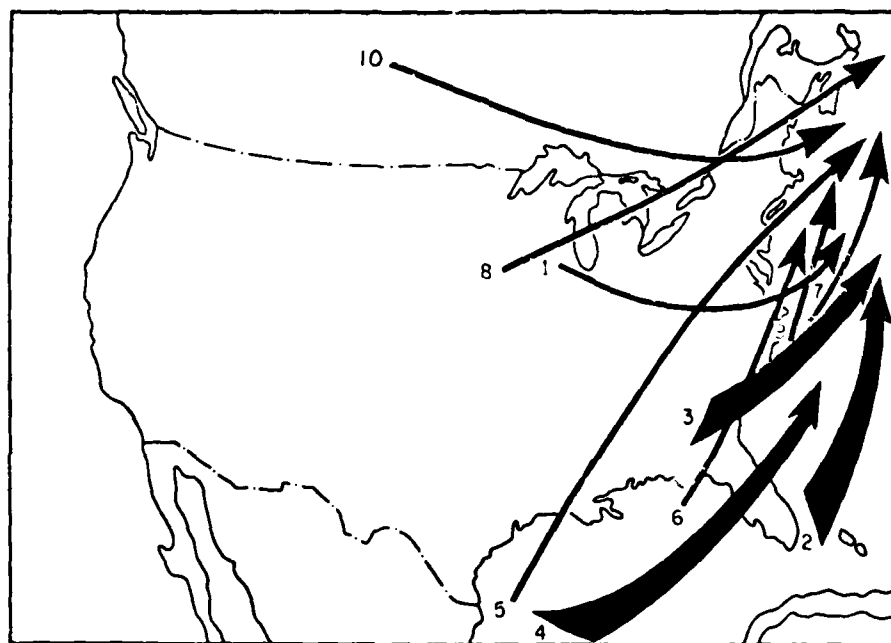


Figure 20. Storm tracks affecting the east coast (from Basserman and Dolan, 1968).

Storm occurrence prediction is somewhat difficult since cyclogenesis (storm formation) frequently occurs offshore of Cape Hatteras. Bosserman and Dolan (1968) found that about 19 percent of all storms affecting the Outer Banks develop in this manner. They also hindcasted wave heights for each storm studied. Storm frequencies (all tracks) by wave height and month are summarized in Table 7 and are shown in Figure 21.

Between 1901 and 1926, 31 hurricanes at full strength made either landfall along coastal North Carolina or passed close enough to affect the area (Baker, 1978). The frequency of occurrence of these hurricanes varies considerably (Fig. 22). The area between Cape Hatteras and Cape Lookout has the highest hurricane occurrence while the area around the FRF has the lowest with a hurricane reaching the area once every 42 years. Tracks of historic hurricanes passing within 50 nautical miles (90 kilometers) of the FRF are shown in Figure 23 (Ho and Tracey, 1975).

Table 7. Summary of storms (all classes), 1942 to 1967 (Bosserman and Dolan, 1968).

Year	Month												Wave height (m)						
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	1.6-2.4	2.4-3.4	3.4-4.3	4.3-5.2	5.2-6.1	6.1-7.0	7 > 7.0
1942-1947	1	-	4	4	2	4	4	3	2	3	1	3	31	10	5	-	-	-	-
1948-1949	1	1	2	5	1	3	6	6	3	1	3	2	34	7	3	1	-	-	-
1950-1951	1	1	-	4	5	3	4	5	6	4	1	1	35	14	4	2	-	-	-
1952-1953	2	2	3	1	3	4	6	8	4	2	3	2	40	18	5	-	-	-	-
1954-1955	-	1	3	-	3	2	6	7	1	4	2	-	29	20	5	2	-	-	-
1956-1957	-	-	1	3	1	2	6	3	4	2	-	2	24	9	3	1	1	1	1
1958-1959	-	2	1	1	2	5	5	9	5	5	2	1	38	16	3	-	-	-	-
1960-1961	-	1	2	4	5	4	4	6	9	4	2	1	42	13	4	1	1	1	-
1962-1963	-	-	2	2	5	5	3	4	7	2	1	-	31	12	6	1	-	-	-
1964-1965	1	3	3	3	6	2	5	2	6	5	1	2	39	9	2	-	-	-	-
1966-1967	1	2	2	-	-	2	6	5	4	4	1	1	32	11	4	-	-	-	-
1968-1969	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	9	7	6	8	3	48	12	3	1	-	-	-
1970-1971	1	1	-	3	2	4	2	5	3	2	4	1	28	8	3	1	-	-	-
1972-1973	2	1	3	1	3	4	2	1	3	3	2	1	26	11	3	2	1	1	-
1974-1975	1	2	5	3	5	5	3	4	4	5	2	2	39	13	2	1	-	-	-
1976-1977	-	3	3	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	-	1	35	14	6	3	2	-	-
1978-1979	-	-	2	2	3	4	3	7	7	5	1	2	37	11	2	-	-	-	-
1980-1981	1	-	2	2	3	4	2	4	8	3	2	2	34	14	2	1	-	-	-
1982-1983	2	2	4	3	3	4	3	3	5	4	3	2	34	15	3	1	1	-	-
1984-1985	1	1	2	2	3	5	10	4	7	6	-	3	45	23	9	3	1	-	-
1986-1987	1	1	1	3	4	3	3	1	5	5	3	2	34	8	2	2	1	-	-
1988-1989	-	-	1	1	3	6	-	3	2	5	4	1	30	14	5	3	1	-	-
1990-1991	-	1	2	3	1	-	7	2	2	3	2	1	28	9	2	-	-	-	-
1992-1993	-	1	3	2	4	3	5	4	8	5	-	1	36	9	3	1	-	-	-
1994-1995	-	3	2	-	4	3	3	1	5	4	3	-	25	12	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	23	29	94	165	175	174	137	110	122	94	51	37	257	517	94	27	9	4	1
AVERAGE	16.7	16.7	4.2	5.6	3.0	2.6	1.3	1.4	1.9	3.8	2.0	1.5	34.3	12.7	3.8	1.1	0.4	0.1	-

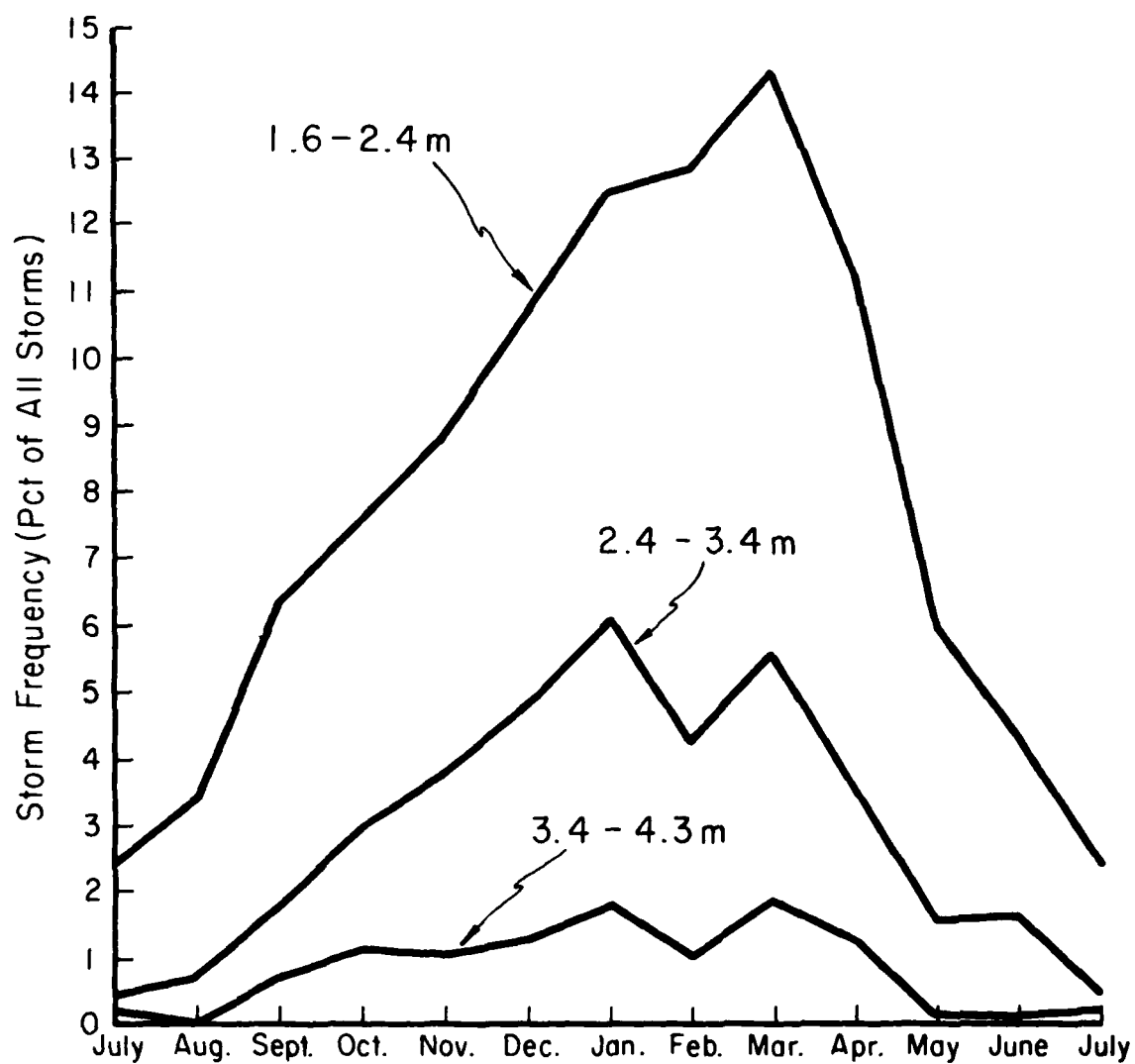
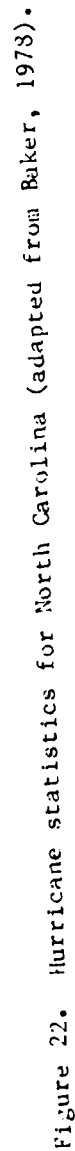


Figure 21. Monthly storm frequency and hindcasted wave height, based on a total of 857 storms (adapted from Basserman and Dolan, 1968).



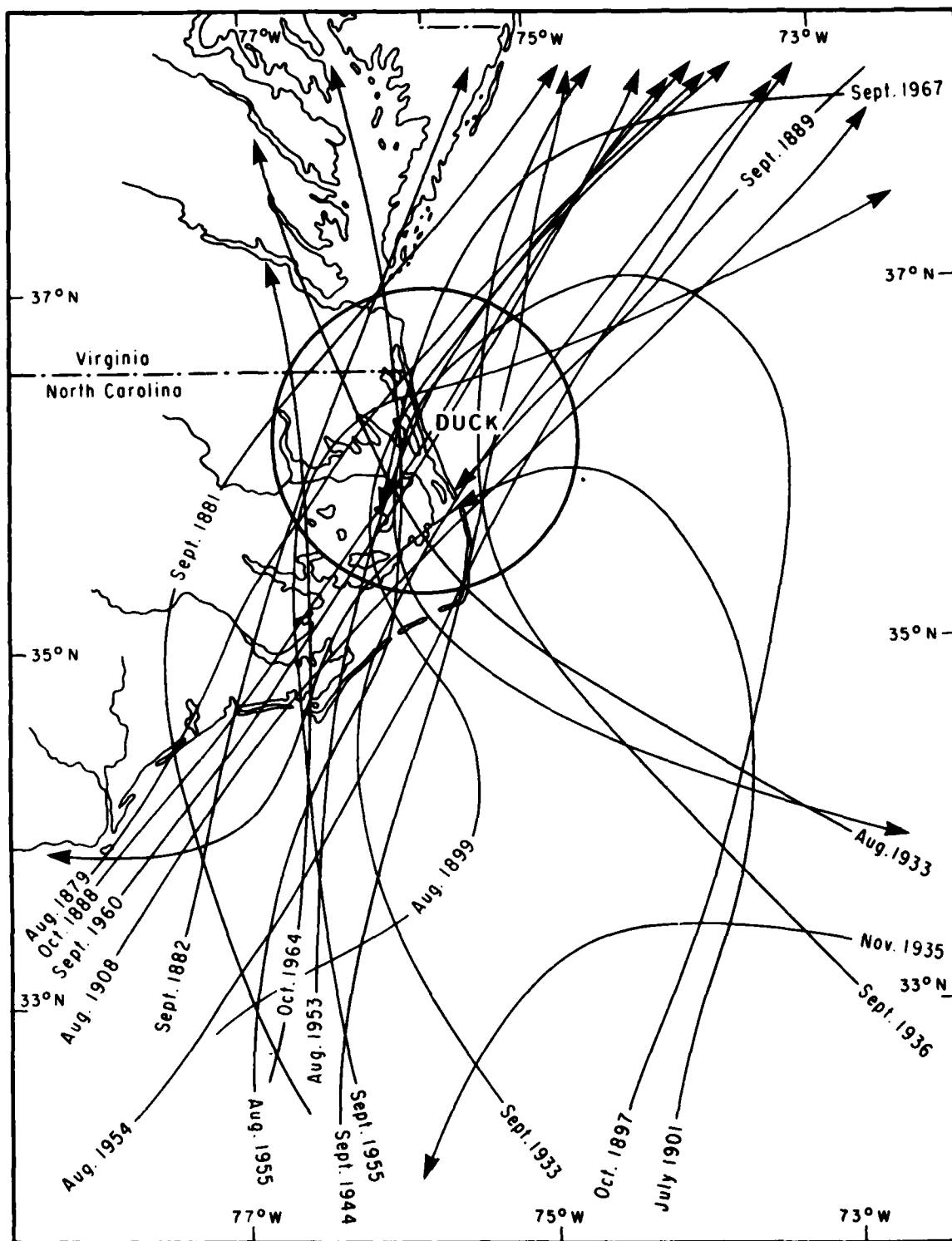


Figure 23. Major hurricanes passing within 50 nautical miles of FRF (adapted from Ho and Tracey, 1975).

Miller (1980) examined the duration of storms using measurements from the CERC Nags Head wave gage. He defined a storm as an event which caused the measured wave height to exceed a critical height equal to the sum of the annual mean significant wave height (0.88 meter) and one standard deviation (0.49 meter). This definition was used to compute Figure 24 which indicates 35 percent of all storms were of 1-day duration or longer while only 1 percent exceeded 6.8 days.

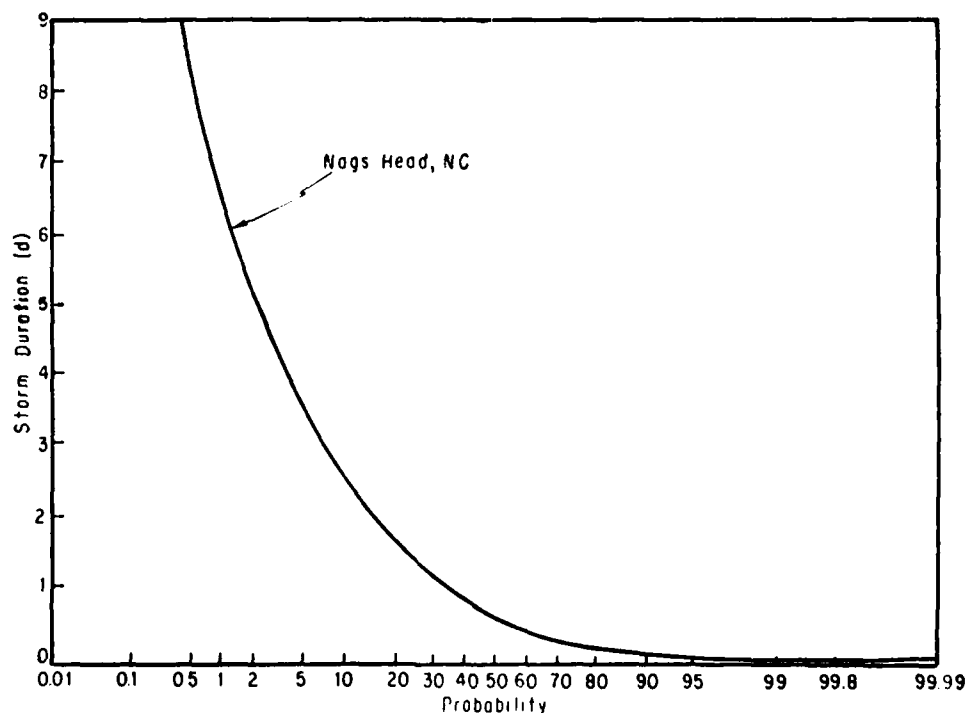


Figure 24. Storm duration probability based on wave data recorded by the CERC gage at Nags Head, North Carolina.

5. Sediment Transport.

The net longshore transport direction along the northern Outer Banks has been reported as toward both the north (Langfelder, Stafford, and Amein, 1968) and the south (Goldsmith, Sturm, and Thomas, 1977). Jarrett (1978) determined a net southerly transport along the beaches north of Oregon Inlet.

Although a detailed sediment budget has not been prepared for the FRF area, the longshore sediment transport rates can be estimated based on the visual observations of wave height and direction given in Section IV,2.

Average monthly and annual predicted transport rates based on the method recommended in the Shore Protection Manual (SPM) (U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Coastal Engineering Research Center, 1977) are given in Table 8. Note that the values use a dimensionless proportionality constant, k , equal to one. Generally accepted values of this constant are given at the end of the table. Annual and seasonal variations in net transport, based on the proportionality constant, are shown in Figure 25.

Table 8. Summary of estimated longshore transport at Sea Crest, North Carolina, based on LEO observations.

DATA FROM 30010 SEA CREST OBSERVATION PERIOD 7/ 1/72 TO 12/28/78												
MONTHS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MEAN NET ENERGY (FT-LBS/FT)	46.	71.	8.	41.	20.	21.	19.	59.	122.	147.	98.	15.
MEAN GROSS ENERGY (FT-LBS/FT)	90.	151.	149.	106.	89.	129.	69.	144.	197.	253.	166.	136.
IMMERSED WEIGHT NET(LBS)X10000	11995.	18606.	1140.	10658.	5172.	5412.	4930.	15635.	32108.	38739.	25835.	3984.
IMMERSED WEIGHT GROSS X10000	23669.	39609.	38075.	27886.	23458.	32829.	18063.	37804.	51901.	66525.	43052.	35833.
BULK VOLUME TO LEFT (C' 'DS)	35777.	64379.	113214.	52809.	59050.	84039.	40256.	67952.	60671.	85168.	52775.	97625.
BULK VOLUME TO RIGHT (CU YDS)	109314.	178442.	120203.	118145.	87760.	117216.	70479.	143802.	257504.	322655.	211152.	122046.
BULK VOLUME NET (CU YDS)	73537.	114063.	6989.	65337.	31709.	33177.	30223.	95849.	196834.	237487.	158376.	24821.
BULK VOLUME GROSS (CU YDS)	145892.	242820.	233417.	170954.	143810.	201254.	110735.	231754.	318175.	407823.	263927.	219872.
NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS	163.	121.	169.	111.	168.	152.	191.	136.	156.	202.	158.	124.
TOTAL TRANSPORT (SUM OF MONTHLY)												
IMMERSED WEIGHT NET(LBS)X10000	174214.											
IMMERSED WEIGHT GROSS X10000	438704.											
BULK VOLUME TO LEFT (CU YDS)	410715.											
BULK VOLUME TO RIGHT (CU YDS)	1478718.											
BULK VOLUME NET (CU YDS)	1068004.											
BULK VOLUME GROSS (CU YDS)	2689433.											

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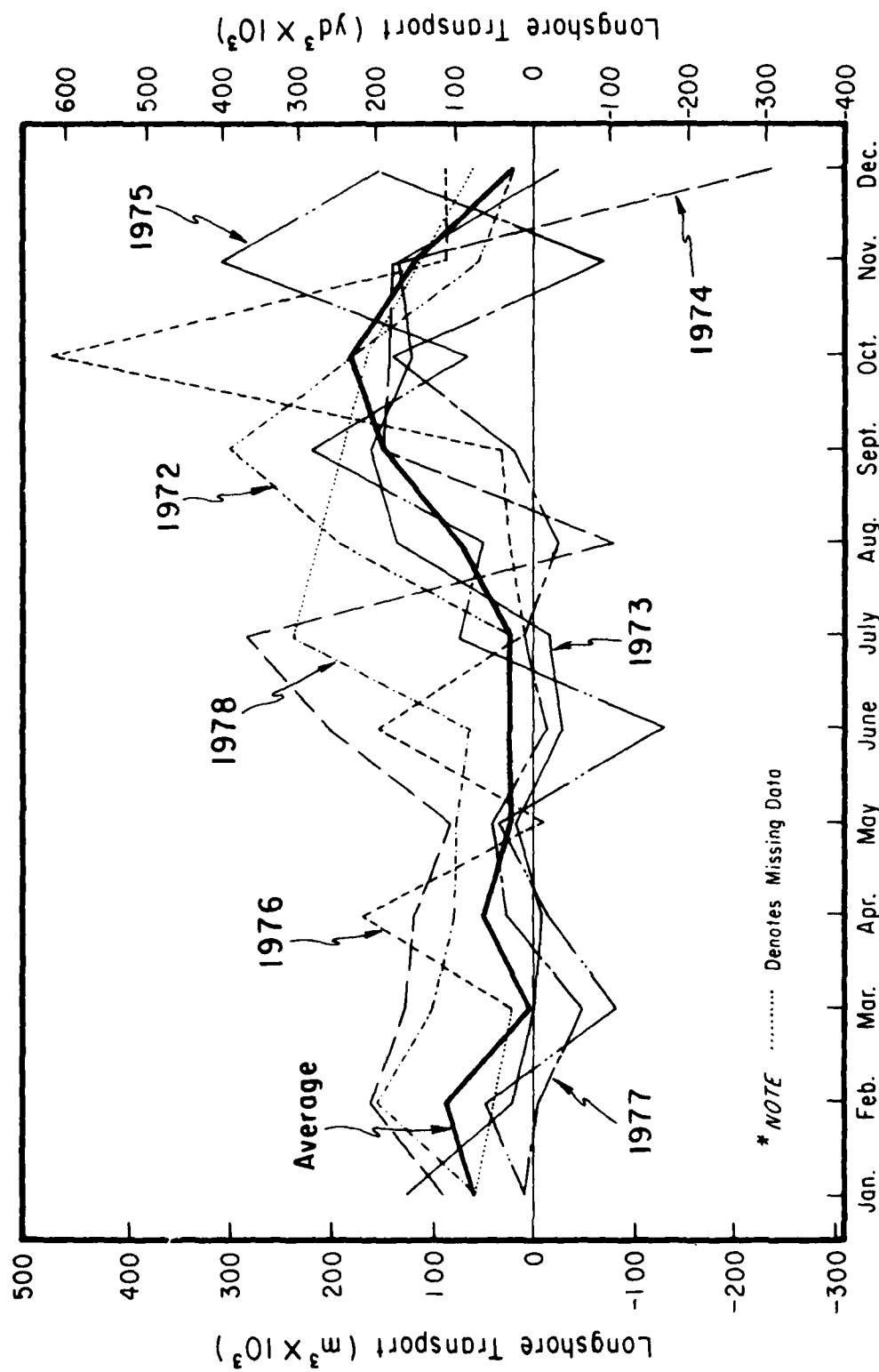


Figure 25. Potential net transport versus time, based on visual wave observations at Sea Crest, North Carolina ($k = 1.0$).

Using a proportionality value of 0.77 (Komar and Inman, 1970), the estimated gross transport at Sea Crest is 1,583,400 cubic meters (2,071,000 cubic yards) per year. The predicted net transport is to the south with a north-to-south transport ratio of 0.43. The annual net transport to the south at Sea Crest is estimated at 625,000 cubic meters (822,000 cubic yards) per year.

6. Tides and Sea Level Rise.

Ocean tides are semidiurnal with a spring range of 1.16 meters (3.8 feet) and a mean range of 0.97 meter (3.2 feet). Water levels in Currituck Sound are wind-dominated: high during periods of southwest winds, low during north-east winds. Mean water level in the sound is about 0.27 meter (0.9 foot) above MSL. Normal wind-induced setup is about 0.6 meter (2 feet) and setdown is -0.2 meter (-0.7 foot).

Ho and Tracey (1975) investigated the frequency and magnitude of storm tides for the northern North Carolina coast. Their results for 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year return period storms are shown in Figure 26. Note that at the Wright Monument, 23 kilometers south of the FRF, the expected 100-year surge height is 2.77 meters. Tide frequencies for several classes of storms are shown in Figure 27.

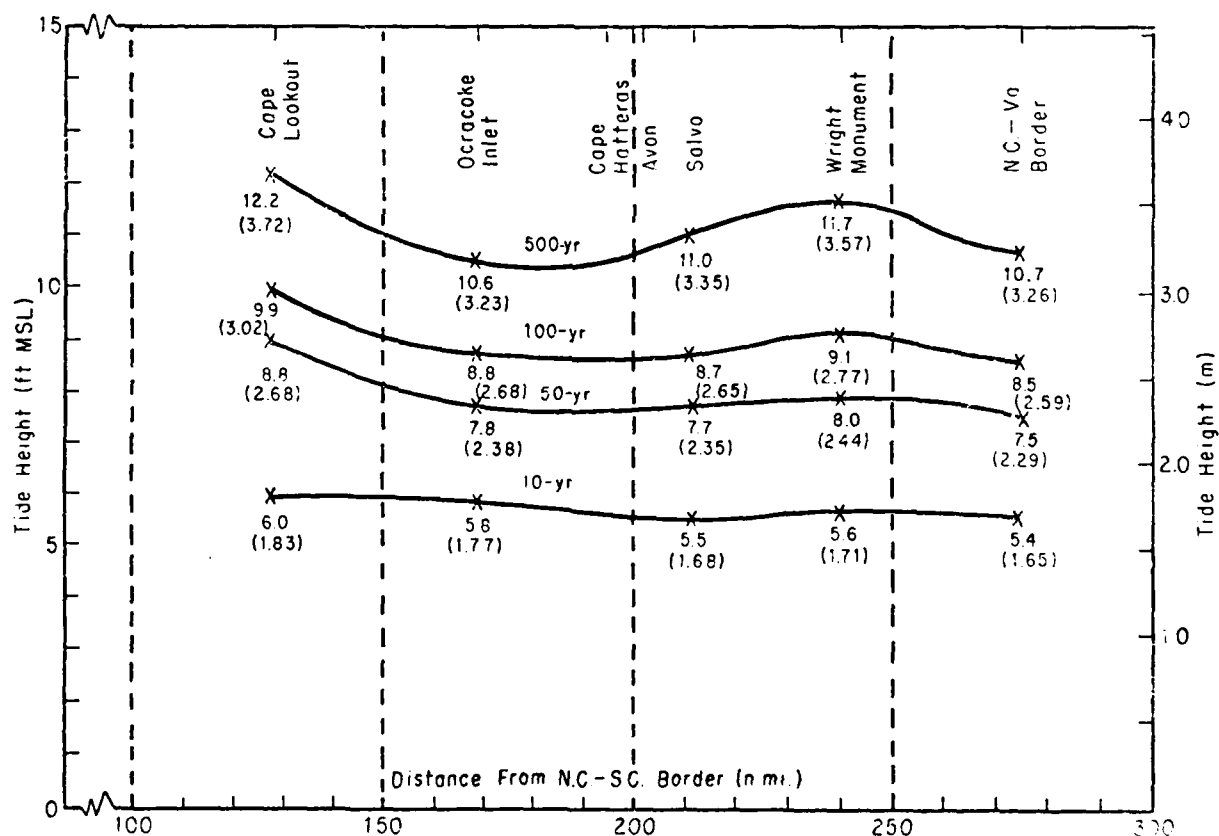


Figure 26. Coastal storm surge frequencies north of Cape Lookout, North Carolina. Numbers in parentheses are values in meters (from Ho and Tracy, 1975).

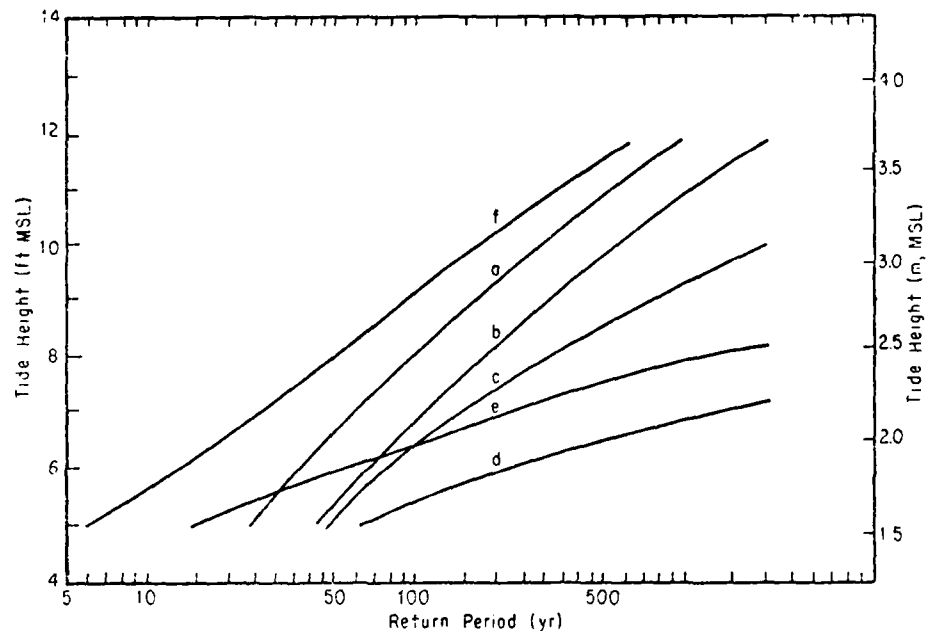


Figure 27. Tide frequencies at Wright Monument, North Carolina, for the following classes of storms: (a) landfalling, (b) alongshore, (c) inland, (d) exiting hurricanes and tropical storms, (e) winter storms, (f) all storms (from Ho and Tracey, 1975).

Hicks (1981) examined the recent rate of sea level rise for a number of east, gulf, and west coast beaches. For the closest station to the FRF, Hampton Roads, Virginia (near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay), Hicks calculated a rate of sea level rise equal to 0.4411 centimeter (0.0144 foot) per year based on the period 1928 to 1978.

7. Surface Water Temperatures.

Table 9 gives monthly mean surface water temperatures at Virginia Beach based on observations between 1960 and 1966 (Department of Commerce, 1968).

Table 9. Monthly mean surface water temperatures.¹

Month	°C.	°F.	Month	°C.	°F.
January	5.7	42	July	22.7	73
February	4.4	40	August	23.9	75
March	6.4	44	September	22.5	72
April	10.7	51	October	18.1	65
May	16.1	61	November	14.1	57
June	20.3	69	December	8.4	47

¹Annual mean = 14.4 °C. (58°F.).

V. BEACHES AND GEOLOGY

The FRF, located along a barrier spit forming the eastern edge of the Coastal Plain, is the northernmost part of a complex series of barrier islands which extend south to Cape Lookout. Though there are currently four inlets along this stretch (Oregon, Hatteras, Ocracoke, Drum), the area is dynamic and includes many relic inlets (Fig. 28).

1. Origin.

The origin of this series of barrier islands is both complex and slightly controversial. Judge (1980) provides a summary of the following significant theories. De Beaumont (1845) suggested that the islands formed by bar building. Gilbert (1885) theorized that longshore drift and spit building were the primary cause of formation. Hoyt (1967) postulated that rising sea levels (or land submergence) could flood the flats behind the dunes and form a long sub-aerial ridge. Hoyt and Henry (1971) noted that the capes coincided with historic river deltas which were isolated by rising sea levels. Using stratigraphic interpretation of core samples, Pierce and Colquhoun (1970, 1971) found that 39 percent of the original 200-kilometer coast was primarily dune and that the islands formed by shoreline submergence. Field and Duane (1976) postulated that the barriers formed on the Continental Shelf during low sea levels and moved shoreward under the influence of sea level rise. Kiggs (1978) postulated that the islands were formed by submergence and had been modified by coastal processes (waves, tides, and currents) to form their present shape and alinement.

The general consensus is that the barrier islands are comprised of recent (Holocene) sediments overlying Pleistocene deposits.

2. Shoreline Changes.

Historically, the ocean shoreline at the FRF has been relatively stable. This was documented by Wahls (1973), who found a mean annual accretion rate of 0.91 meter (3 feet) per year for the period 1955 to 1971. More recently, Dolan's (1979) analysis of shoreline changes north and south of the FRF showed long-term stability from 1940 to 1975 (Fig. 29), and overall erosion from 1977 to 1979. These results are based on shoreline measurements from photos at 50-meter (164 feet) intervals over the 28-kilometer (45 miles) reach. Average rates of change are computed based on the rates of change for each set of successive photos. The following sets of photos were used in the analysis:

<u>1940 to 1975</u>	<u>1977 to 1979</u>
21 October 1940	2 February 1977
29 March 1955	11 November 1977
3 May 1962	16 May 1978
5 September 1975	2 December 1978
	20 September 1979

Three rates were averaged to compute the 1940 to 1975 rates; four rates were averaged to obtain the 1977 to 1979 rates. The air photo analysis procedure is described in Dolan, et al. (1979). Errors can be significant, and average rates of change less than 1.0 meter (3.3 feet) per year over 40 years are difficult to measure.

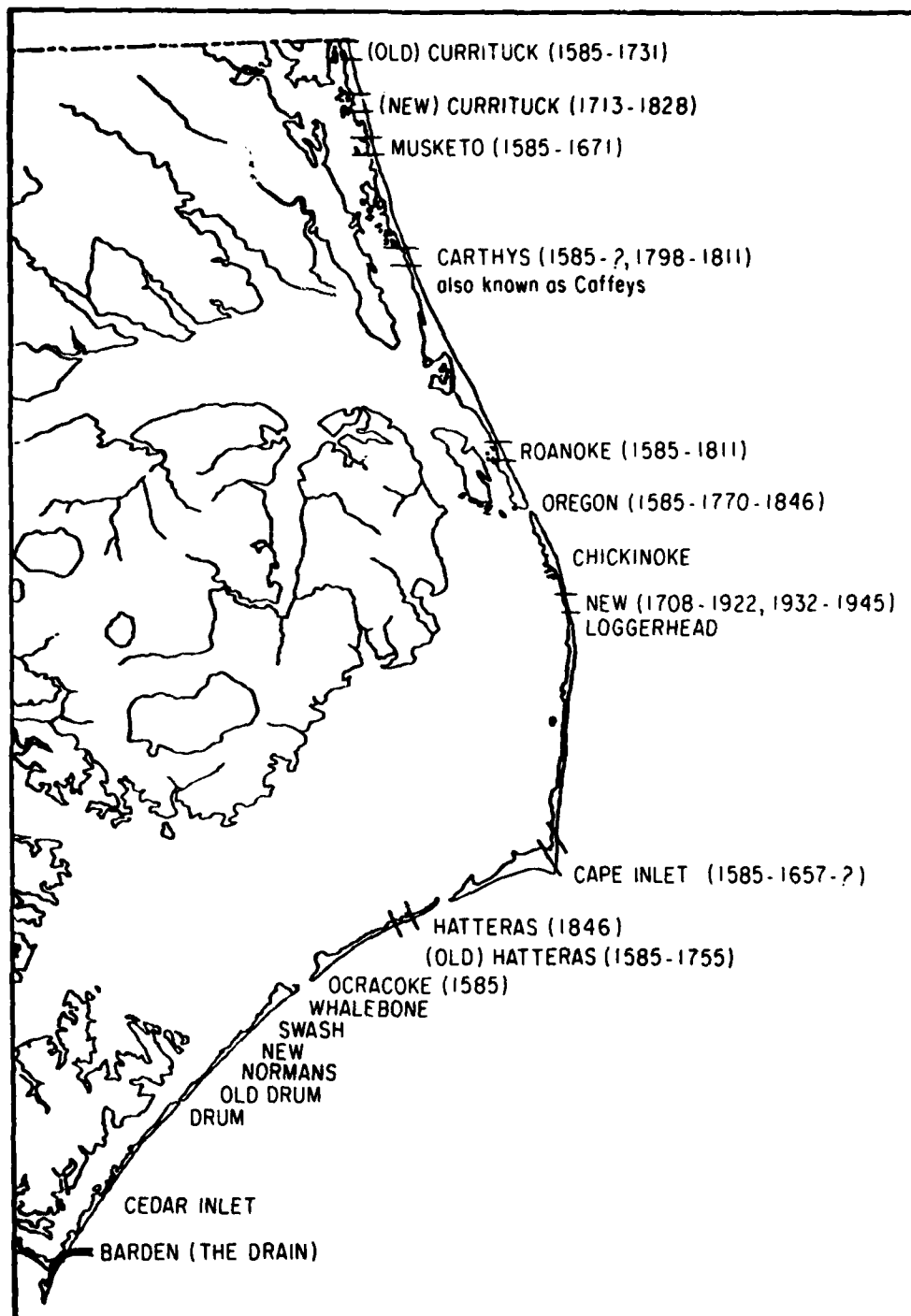


Figure 28. Present and historic inlets from the Virginia-North Carolina border to Cape Lookout (adapted from U.S. Congress, 1935, and Dunbar, 1958).

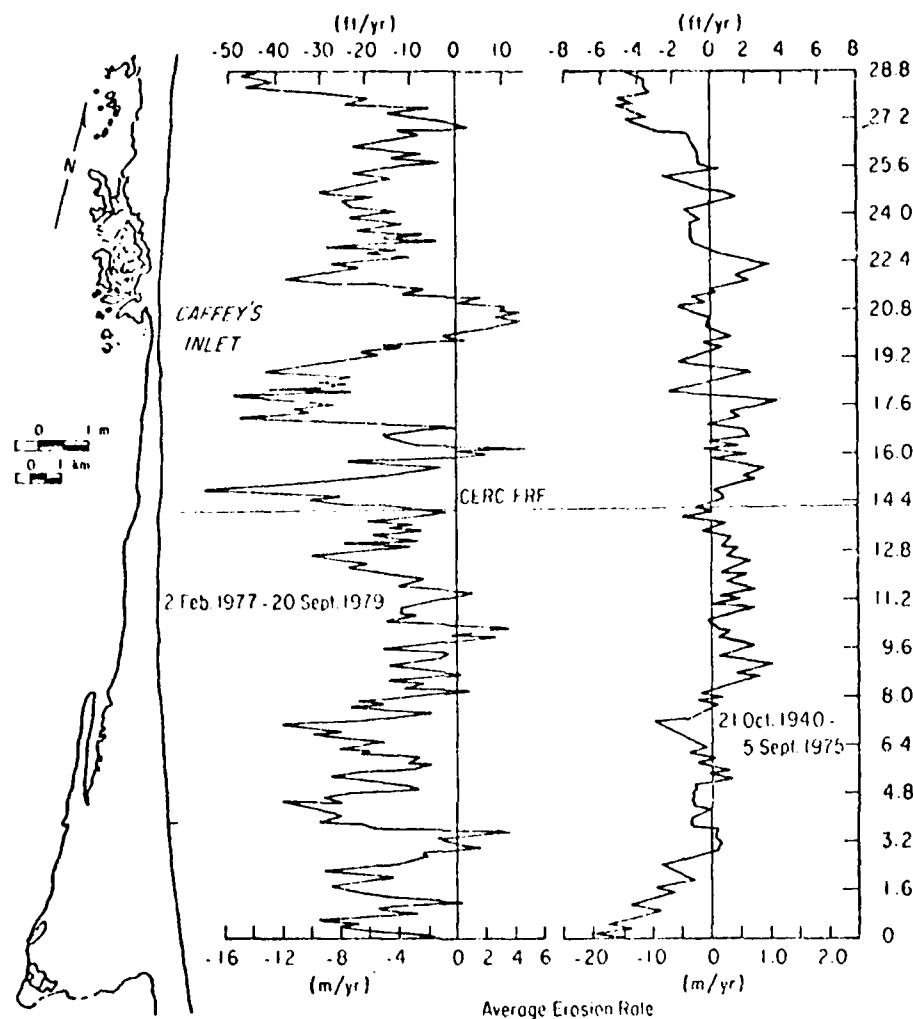


Figure 29. Average preconstruction and postconstruction erosion rates for 28 kilometers of shoreline near the FRF.

Because long time intervals tend to smooth the data, two different horizontal scales were used in Figure 29. The 1940 to 1975 data show accretion or stability near the FRF and erosion at the northern and southern ends of the study area. Between 1977 and 1979, erosion predominated with only a few areas showing accretion. Interestingly, the area with the most noticeable accretion is located around Caffey's Inlet. The area just south of the pier appeared to be stable, while peak erosion of 17.1 meters (56.1 feet) per year was found 183 meters (600 feet) north of the pier.

3. Topography.

A contour map of the FRF site is shown in Figure 30. The island is 680 meters (2,200 feet) wide at the FRF and is bordered on the sound side by a brackish water marsh (described in Section VI,6). The area is typified by dunes which reach heights of more than 14 meters above MSL; the beach is

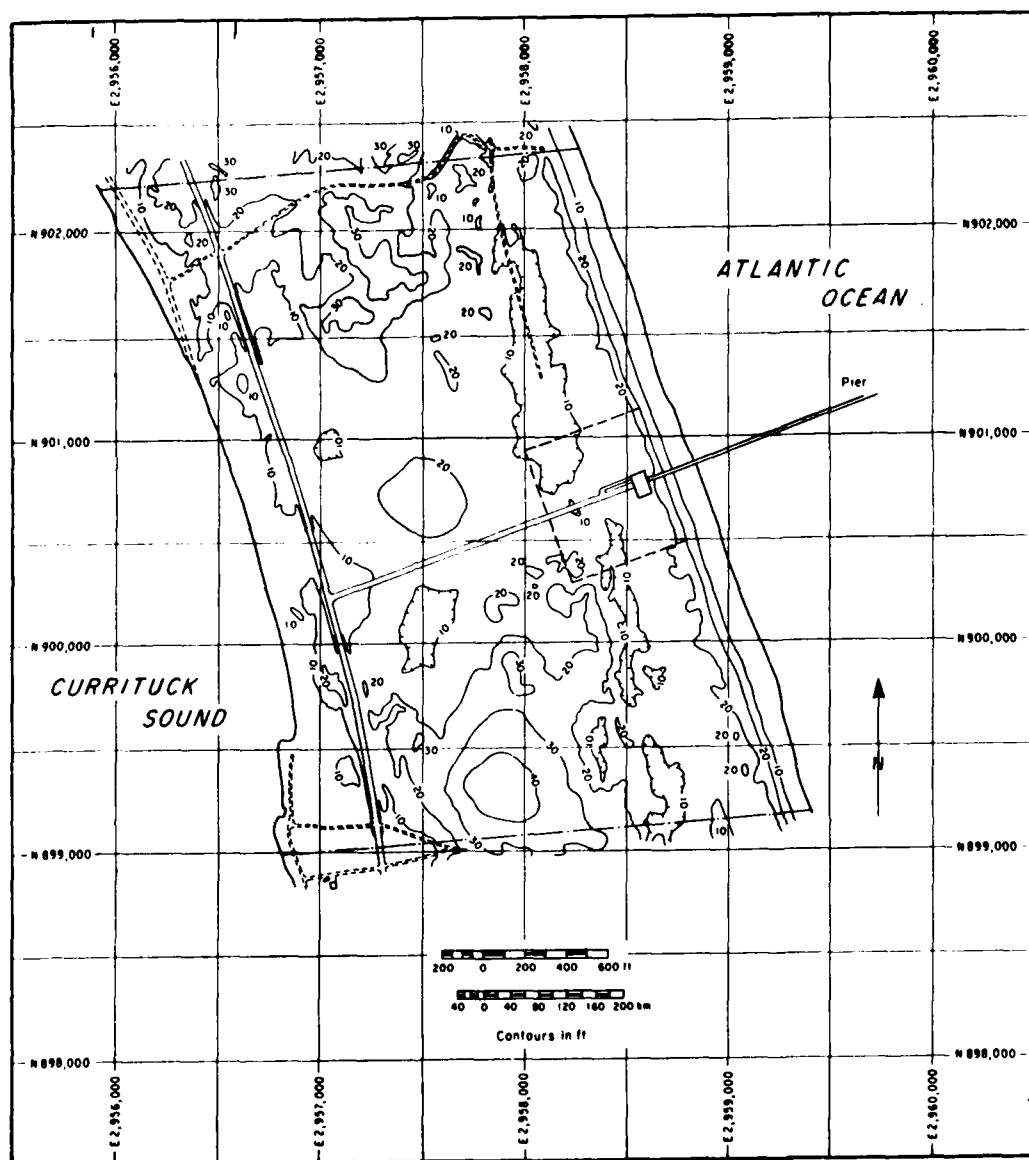


Figure 30. Contour map of the FRF site (contours in feet).

backed by a dune which reaches a height of 7 meters (22 feet) above MSL. Beach width varies but averages about 40 meters (130 feet). Berms, with crest elevations of 2.4 meters (8 feet), and beach cusps are common. The beach tends to be wider immediately south of the pier than north of it. Foreshore slopes vary from 0.023 to 0.345, averaging 0.108.

4. Beach Changes.

In May 1974, before the pier was constructed, CERC began surveys to wading depth of the 62 profile lines shown in Figure 11. Surveys were conducted monthly and immediately after storms. Thirty-four profile lines (4 to 20 and 45 to 61) were surveyed daily for three separate 30-day studies. The last complete survey of the 62 profile lines was conducted in January 1977.

Birkemeier (1979a) reported on short-term changes for profile lines 1 to 6 and 18 to 23 (Fig. 31). For a relatively severe northeaster, which occurred 2-3 December 1974, the average volume change on the above MSL beach was -5.8 cubic meters per meter (-2.3 cubic yards per foot). Prestorm and poststorm profiles are plotted in Figure 32. Note that 2 of the 12 profile lines (18 and 22) gained sand as a result of this storm. Significant wave heights of 2.8 meters were recorded during the storm by the CERC gage at Nags Head.

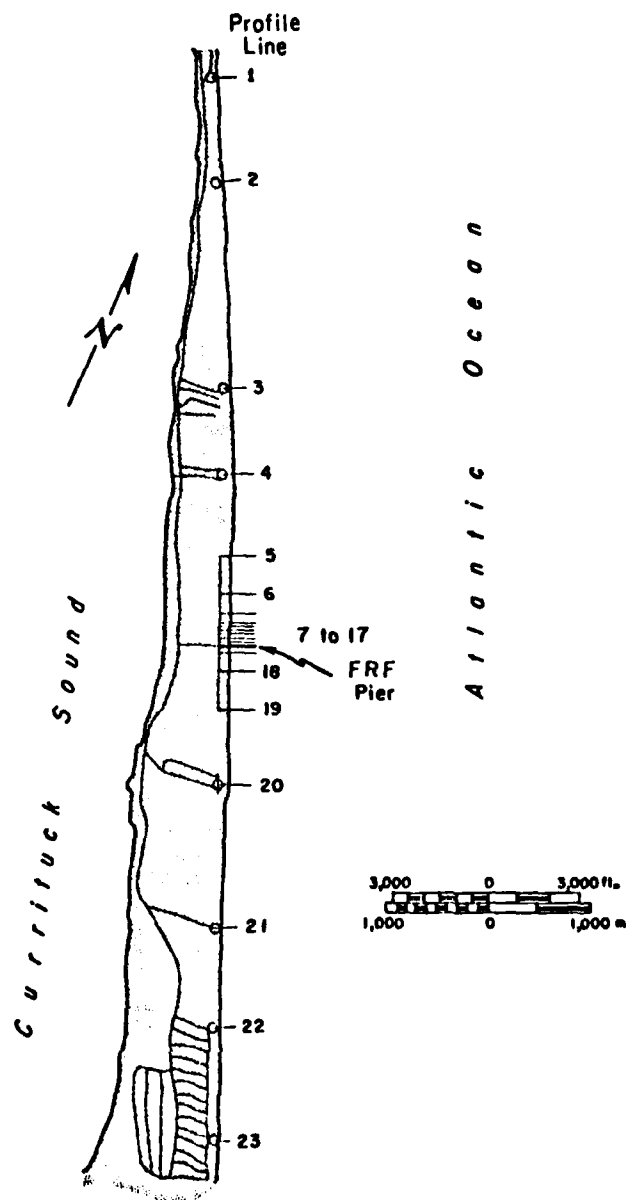


Figure 31. Profiles in the vicinity of the FRF pier.

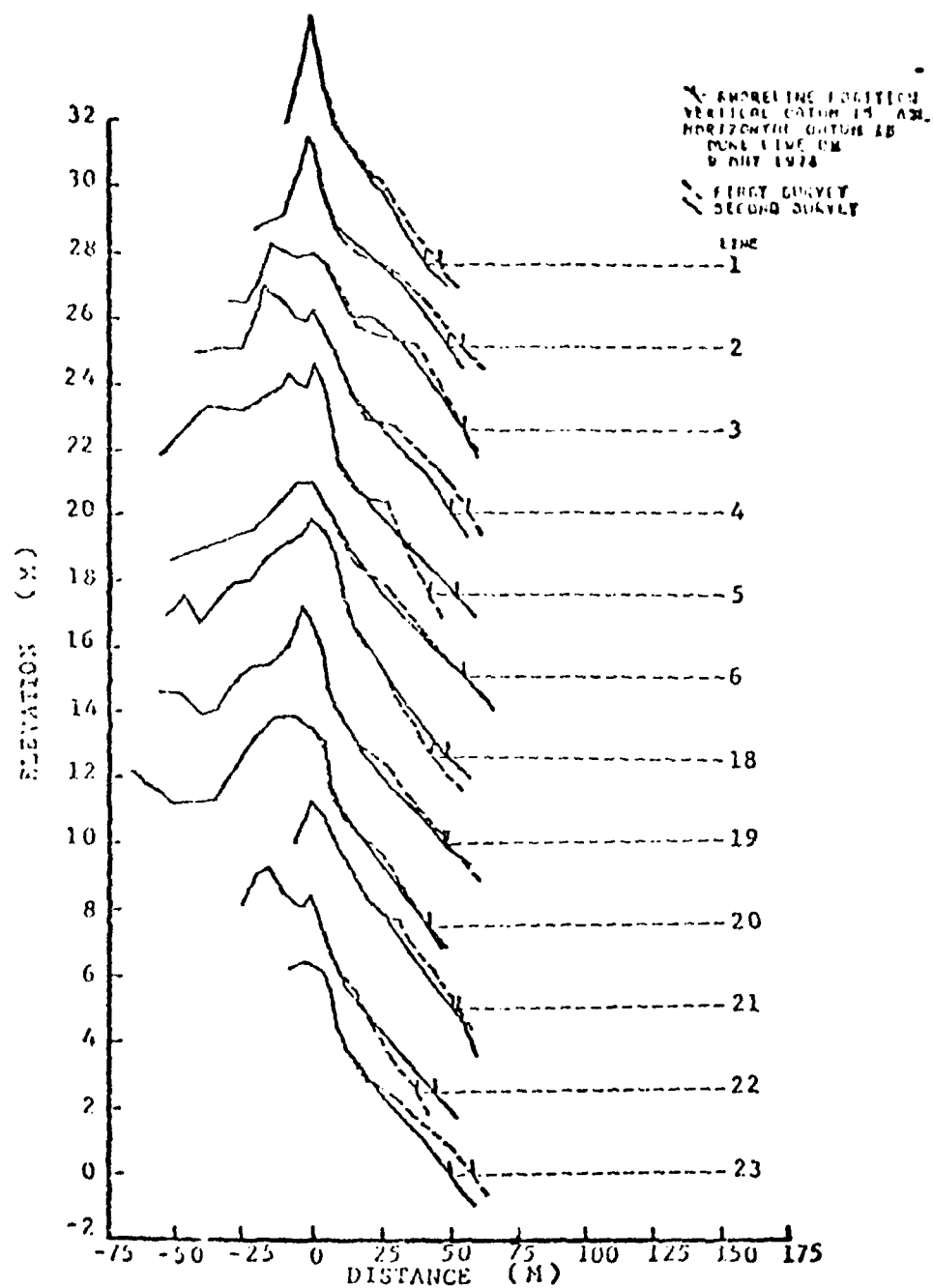


Figure 32. Typical storm changes, 4 November to 4 December 1974 ($\Delta v = 5.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}$).

Birkemeier (1979a) reported the average monthly variation in mean shoreline position and unit volume for the same above MSL profiles (see Figs. 33 and 34). These data show no clear-cut seasonal variation. The subaerial beach has the least amount of sand during March and December and the greatest amount during April and November. These data do not provide the below MSL profile changes.

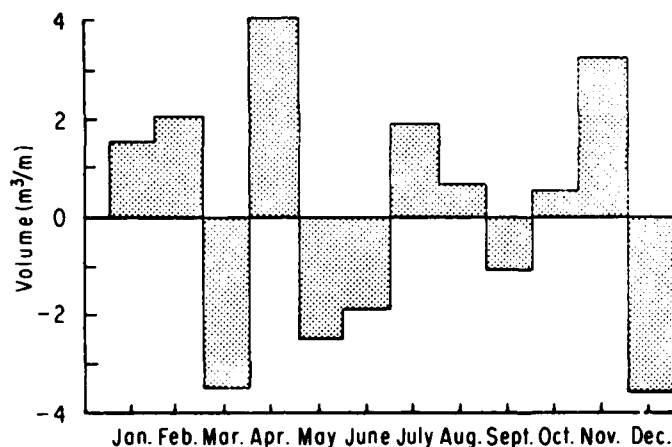


Figure 33. Monthly variations in mean profile volume (profile lines 1 to 6, 18 to 23, from May 1974 to January 1977).

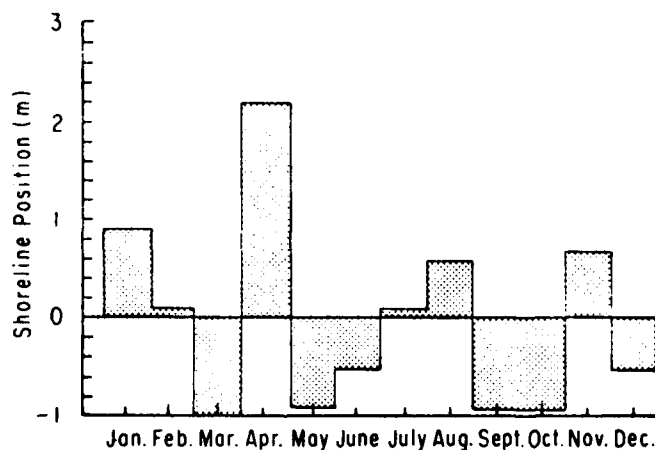


Figure 34. Monthly variations in mean shoreline position (profile lines 1 to 6, 18 to 23 from May 1974 to January 1977).

Changes in unit volume and MSL shoreline position from May 1974 to January 1977 for each of 15 profile lines are shown in Figures 35 and 36. These figures include Birkemeier's data and additional data from more closely spaced profile lines on the FRF property (lines 7, 8, 16, and 17). Profile lines 16 and 17 are located 48 meters (160 feet) north and south, respectively, of the FRF pier. Unit volume changes are referenced to the average volume above MSL.

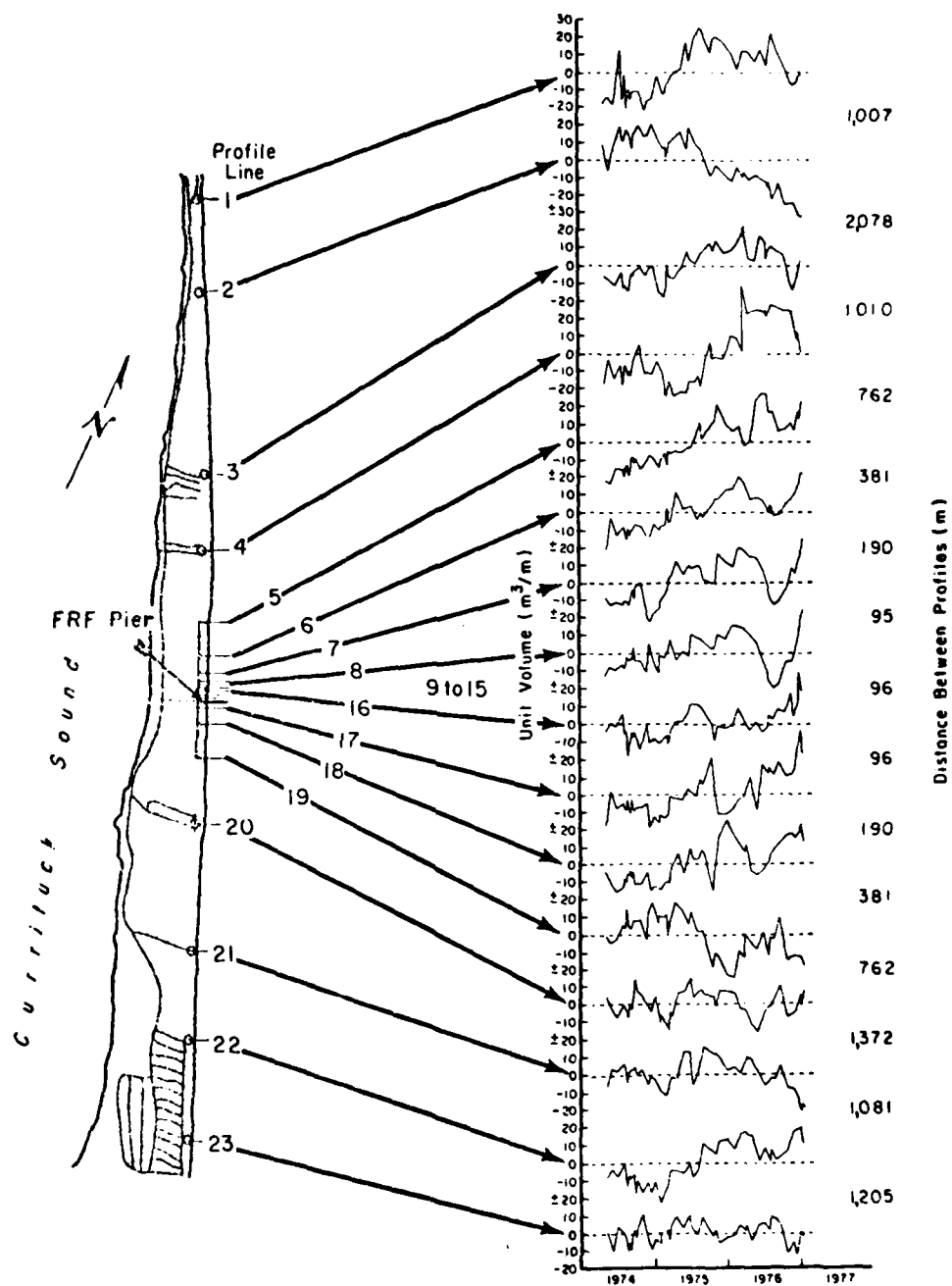


Figure 35. Variation in unit volume above MSL on 16 profile lines near the FRF.

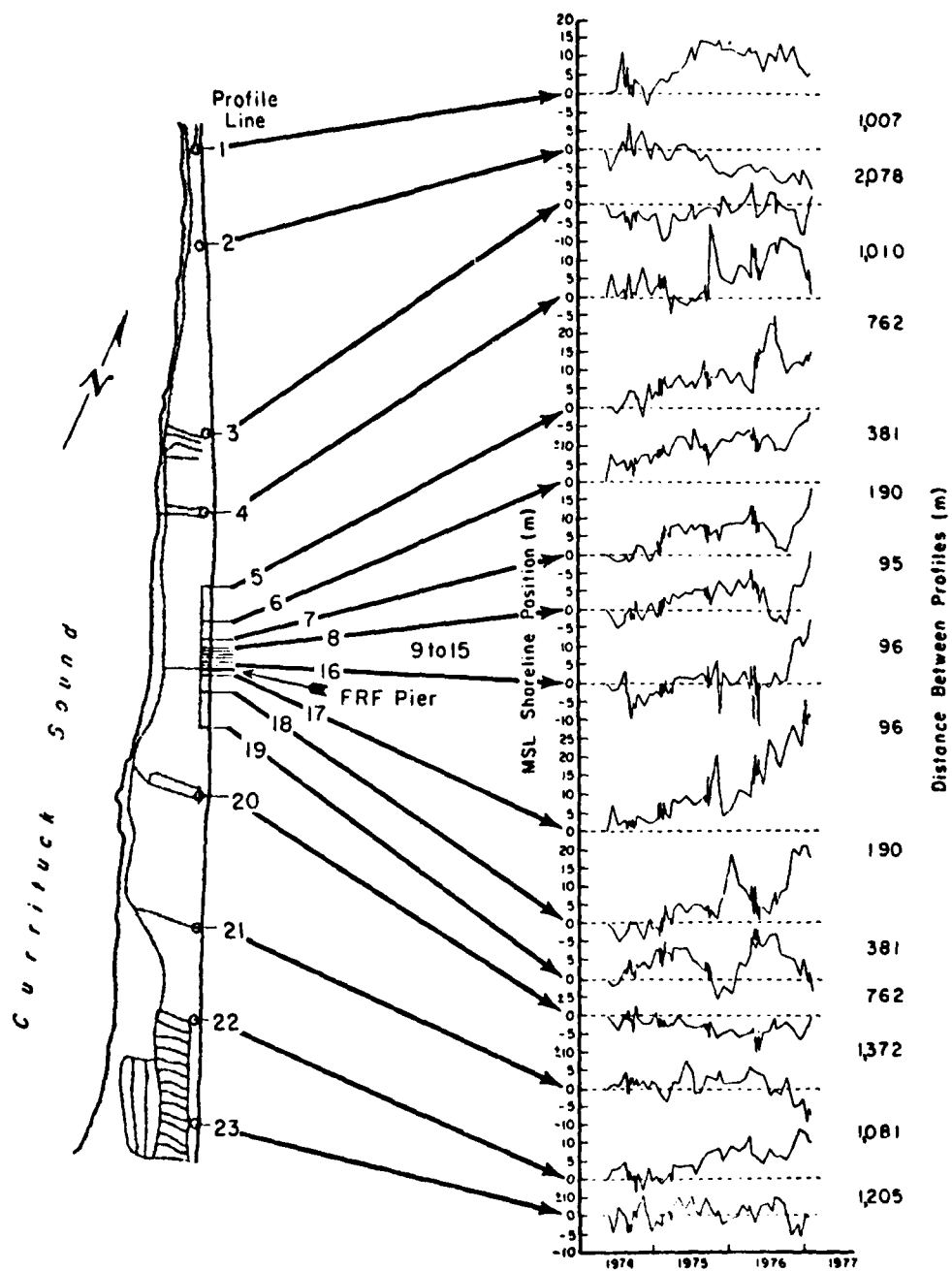


Figure 36. Variation in MSL shoreline position on 16 profile lines near the FRF.

Shoreline position is referenced to the shoreline position of the profile during the first survey. A linear regression fit to these data indicates that on the average the profile lines accreted at a rate of 3.49 cubic meters per meter (1.39 cubic yards per foot) per year and the shoreline advanced at a rate of 1.66 meters (5.4 feet) per year during this time period (Table 10). Only profile lines 2, 19, 20, and 21 underwent a net erosion. With the exception of profile line 16, profile lines immediately to the north of the pier displayed a sharp erosional trend during the second phase of pier construction (March to August 1976), which reversed in September 1976. Profile lines immediately to the south of the pier and profile line 16 underwent general accretion during this period.

Table 10. Rates of change for profile lines in vicinity of the FRF, May 1974 to January 1977.

Profile line No.	Distance from FRF ¹ (m)	MSL shoreline change ² (m/yr)	Above MSL unit volume change ² (m ³ /m/yr)
1	-5,762	+3.36	+8.32
2	-4,755	-3.94	-15.87
3	-2,677	+1.58	+6.47
4	-1,667	+4.19	+15.10
5	-905	+5.31	+14.60
6	-524	+3.57	+9.88
7	-333	+4.22	+7.70
8	-238	+3.42	+3.26
16	-48	+2.58	+7.16
17	+48	+9.59	+11.29
18	+238	+5.42	+10.21
19	+619	+2.40	-7.63
20	+1,381	-2.36	0.00
21	+2,753	-1.46	-2.87
22	+3,834	+3.97	+10.43
23	+5,039	+1.85	+0.92
Mean (distance-weighted)		+1.66	+3.50

¹Positive distance is south, negative north.

²Positive value indicates accretion, negative erosion.

5. Bathymetry.

Except immediately adjacent to and underneath the FRF, bottom bathymetry is regular with a mild offshore slope. Offshore bathymetry is shown in Figure 37. Nearshore bathymetry, surveyed in November 1981, is shown in Figure 38. A noticeable feature at the end of the FRF is a 8.0-meter (26 feet) hole, slightly skewed to the south, which is the result of the pier's effect on the waves, currents, and bottom sediment movements. Figure 39 shows the development sequence of this hole and plots soundings taken along the FRF centerline from 24 September 1973 to 5 January 1977 (before and after construction). Though the data are incomplete, between 24 November 1974 and 5 January 1977, the profile shape changed markedly with 2 to 3 meters of scour along the outer section of the FRF.

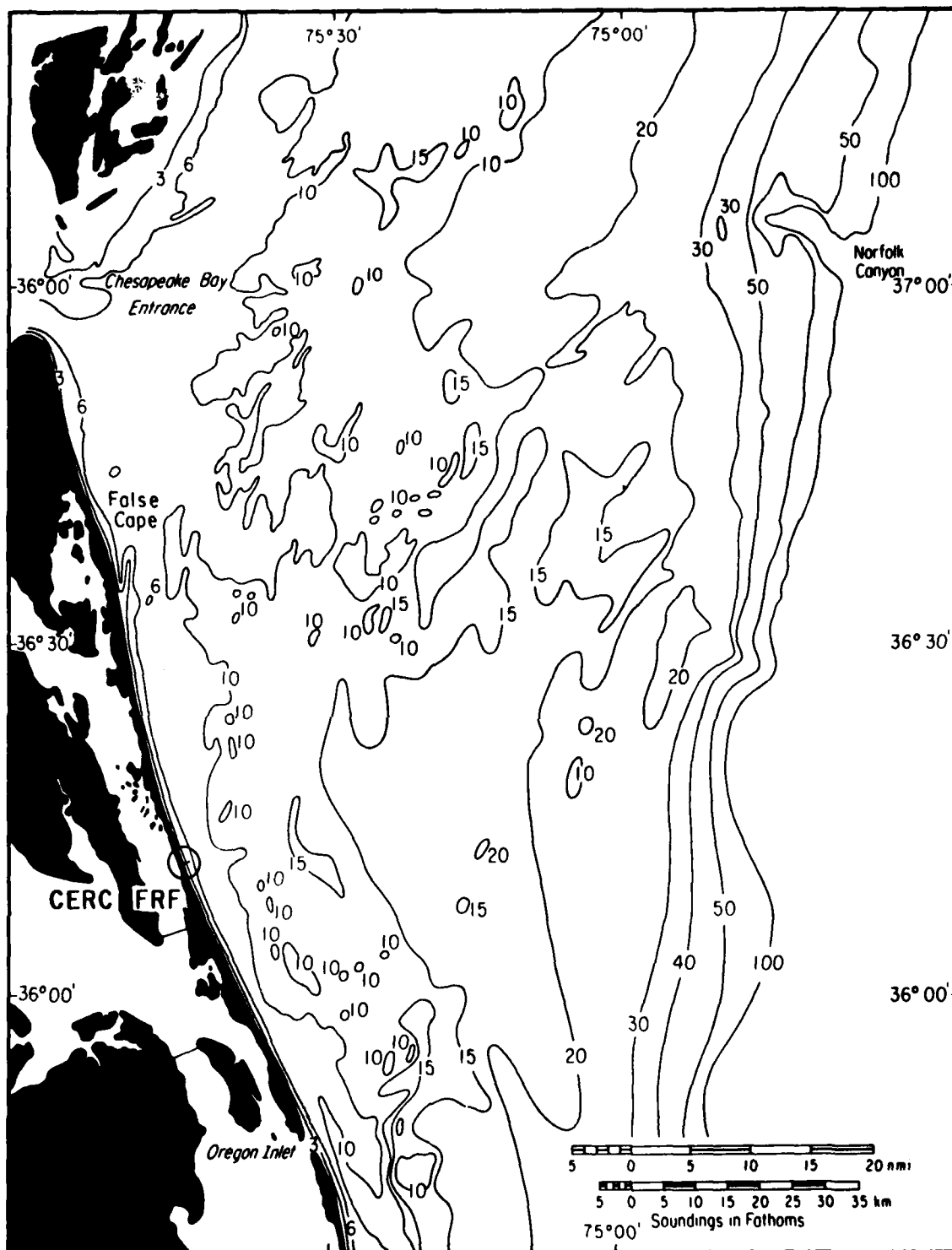
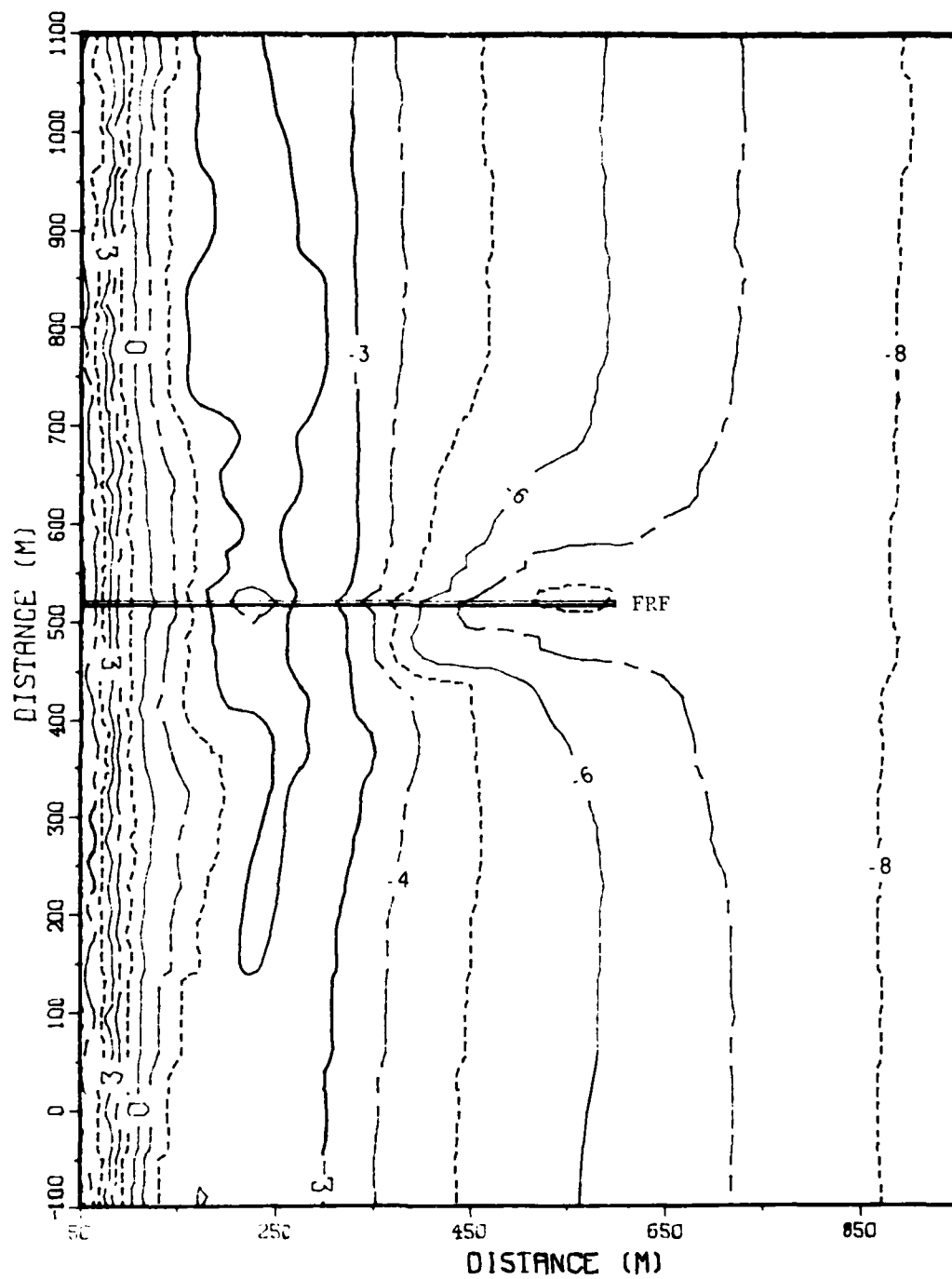


Figure 37. Deepwater contours offshore of the FRF.



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Figure 38. Nearshore contours.

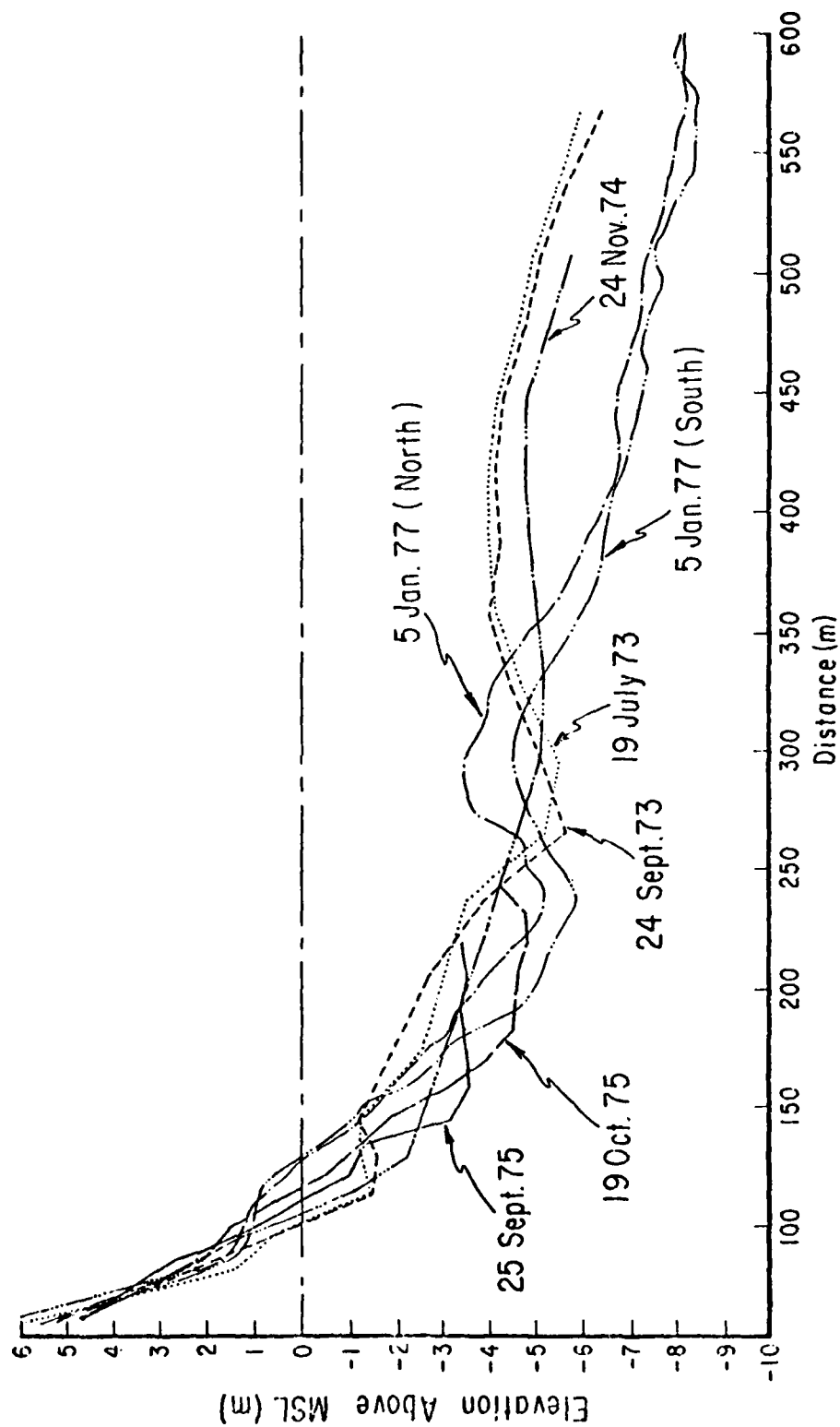


Figure 39. Preconstruction and postconstruction surveys along the FRF centerline (relative to the CERC base line).

Nearshore changes, particularly during storm conditions, can be large. Weekly soundings along both sides of the pier have been collected since July 1977. The profile envelope of surveys from July 1976 to December 1979 for the south side of the pier is shown in Figure 40. The maximum sand level change was 4.3 meters measured at 175 meters out; a 1.5-meter change was measured at the end of FRF.

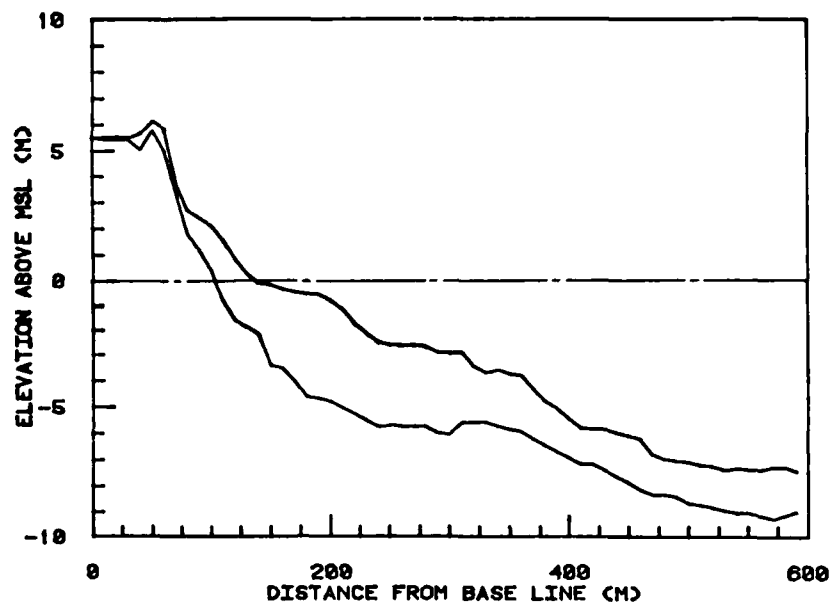


Figure 40. Profile envelope of soundings taken along the south side of the FRF pier from July 1976 to December 1979.

Birkemeier (1979b) reported that during a storm which produced maximum significant wave heights of 3.8 meters (12.5 feet), 234.3 cubic meters per meter (93.4 cubic yards per foot) eroded along the length of the pier. The storm also produced a relatively flat 200-meter-long terrace at a depth of -6 meters (-19.5 feet).

The localized scour around the pier piles and the concrete abrasion collars was investigated by DeWall and Christenson (1979). A maximum scour depth of 1 meter below the surrounding bottom was measured. The maximum width of holes was 7.3 meters (24 feet). Maximum pile scour was found at 243.8 meters (800 feet) along the pier relative to the base line.

6. Longshore Bars.

Lester (1980) examined the frequency and movement of longshore bars, using aerial photos from five overflights, and found that two different bar patterns existed. From Duck north 75 kilometers to Cape Henry, there was a single, uninterrupted bar. However, from Duck south to Oregon Inlet there was a sequence of seven sandbars. These bars had a trisectional formation, in that each bar tended to propagate at an angle from the shore, then continued southward parallel to shore for a considerable distance until only remanent indications of the bar remained. The trisectional bar formation is defined as

(a) the proximal, the section that propagated from shore; (b) the body, the section that was parallel to shore; and (c) the distal or transitional, the section where only remanent indications of the bar remained, and the proximal segment of a new bar was starting. Three bars with this configuration are shown in Figure 41.

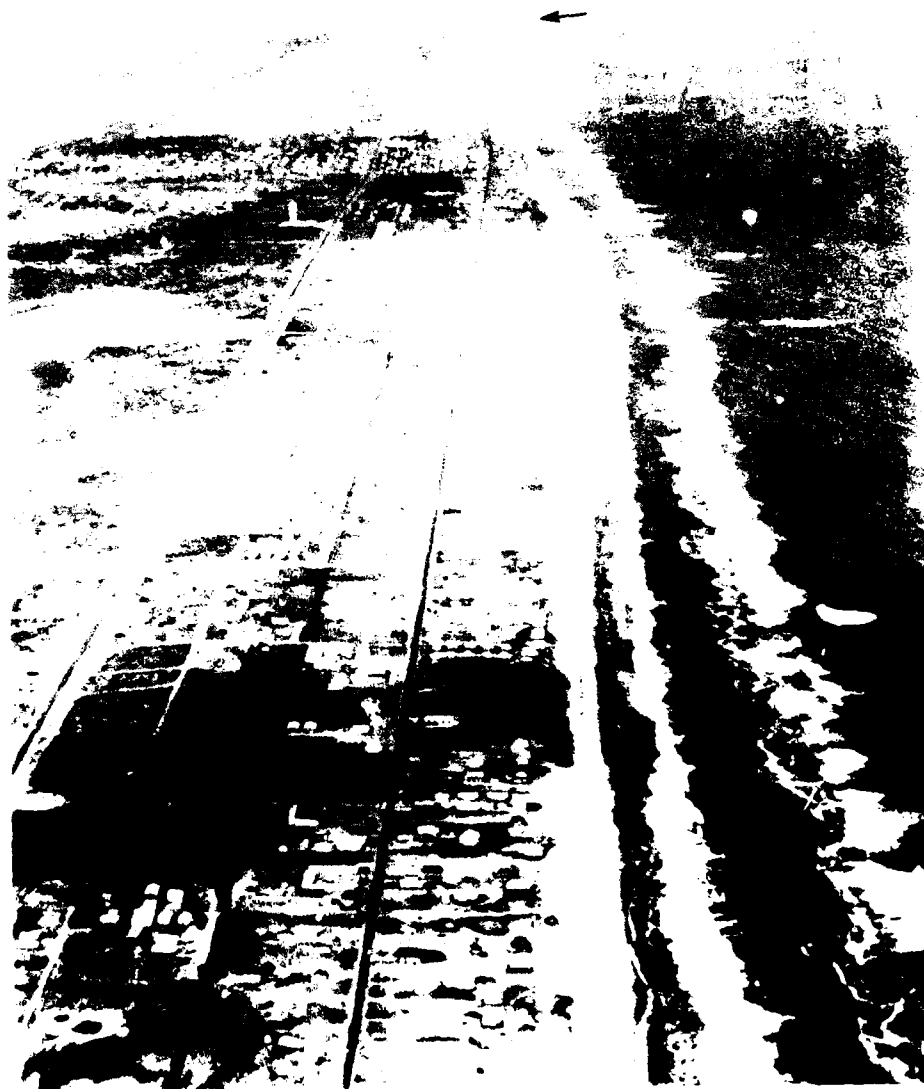


Figure 41. Aerial view looking north from Kill Devil Hills, showing three distinct longshore bars.

These bars showed a strong indication of seasonal, shore-normal migration. During the summer and winter months, the average distance of the bar from shore was 137 meters (450 feet) and 290 meters (960 feet), respectively. The total length of the bars ranged between 6.4 and 9.6 kilometers. The average length of each proximal section was 1.2 kilometers, each body segment 7.2 kilometers, and each distal segment 1.4 kilometers. There was very little indication of shore-parallel migration. Instead, there appeared to be a very consistent location for the initiation of bar propagation from shore.

7. Sediment Characteristics.

a. Beach Material. As part of the BEP mentioned in Section III, a series of 915 sand samples was collected quarterly from 14 transects along the beach, above mean low water (MLW) between 1974 and January 1977 (Fig. 42). Headland and DeWall (1979) reported on the analysis of these samples. Each sample consisted of about 200 grams (7 ounces) taken by a specially constructed sampler from the top 1 centimeter (0.4 inch) of the beach. The location and elevation of each sample was carefully determined using tape and level techniques. Samples were collected from the landward side of the dune, the dune crest, the dune toe, the berm, and the foreshore.

Splits of the samples were analyzed on the CERC Rapid Sediment Analyzer (RSA). Ten percent of the samples were also run at 0.5-phi intervals through a standard sieve analysis for control. A subset of 60 foreshore samples collected during 1976 was analyzed for carbonate content. The results were then analyzed for variations in mean size as a function of (1) position along each profile line, (2) position along the beach, (3) season, (4) percent carbonate, and (5) foreshore slope. An average of all profile lines indicated the mean grain size decreased landward from 0.52 millimeter (0.9 phi) on the foreshore to 0.38 millimeter (1.4 phi) at the dune (Fig. 43). Profile lines to the north show a much wider range of sizes than the lines in the vicinity of Oregon Inlet, due to a secondary mode in the coarse fraction on the berm and foreshore (Fig. 44). The mean size of the dune sand remains nearly constant and ranges between 0.3 and 0.4 millimeter (1.7 and 1.3 phi). Figure 45 shows the bimodal distribution for a sample taken from the foreshore at profile line 20 (south of the FRF).

Figure 46 illustrates the change in average sample mean and standard deviation alongshore and confirms a decrease in sand size from north to south. The coarsest material occurs in the vicinity of the FRF (between lines 12 and 20) where the mean sand size on the foreshore averages 0.6 to 0.8 millimeter (0.7 to 0.3 phi).

Figure 47 summarizes the seasonal mean sand size, averaged by position on the profile line. Sand size on the dune remains generally unchanged, while the foreshore material (MLW to MSL) tends to become finer during the summer months. Sand size on the berm is coarser during the summer than during the rest of the year. Seasonal trends were not uniform from profile to profile.

The carbonate fraction of the foreshore samples, which consists of whole and broken shell material, ranges from 0 to 20 percent of the sample by weight (Fig. 48). The highest percentages occurred during the fall survey of profile lines 35 to 41. Mean grain size was found to have a positive correlation (0.4) with percent carbonate.

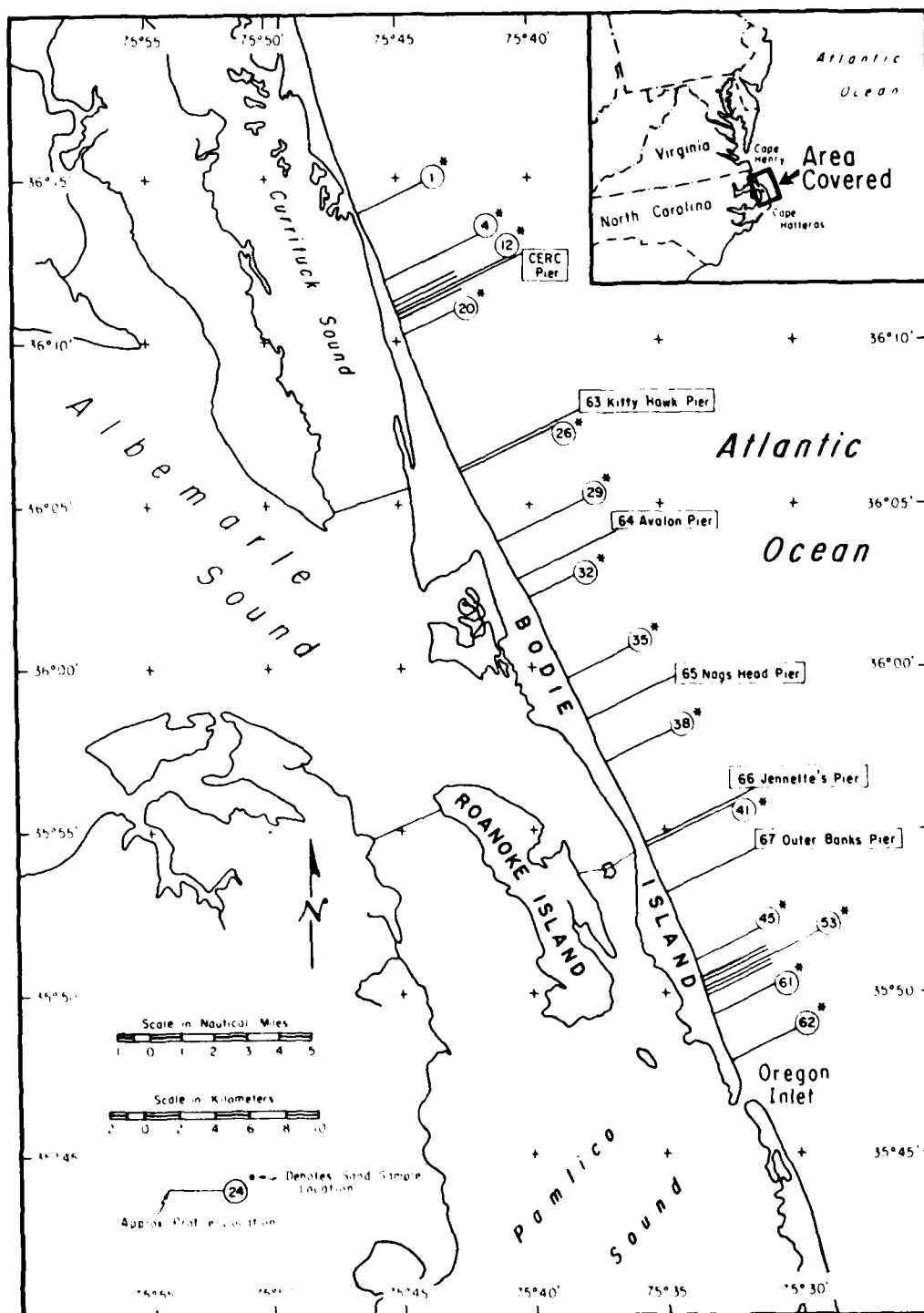


Figure 42. Location of sand sample profile lines.

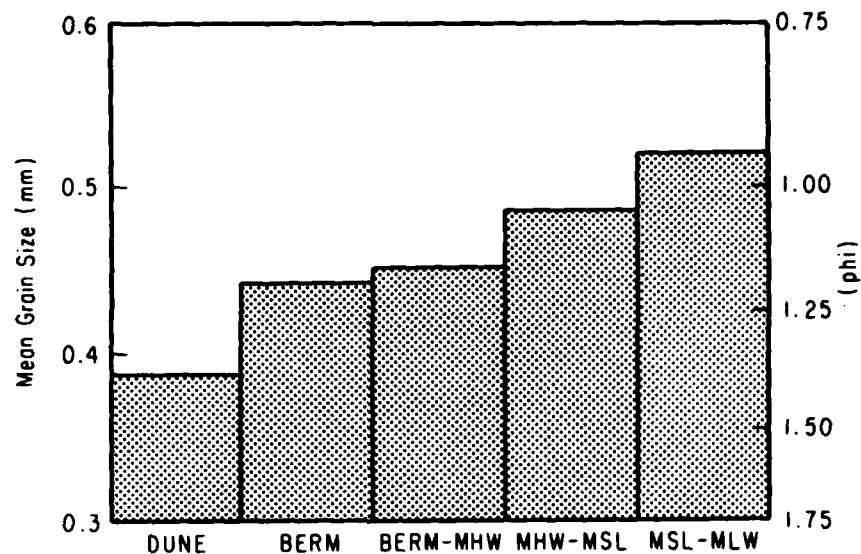


Figure 43. Average mean grain size (all samples) by profile position.

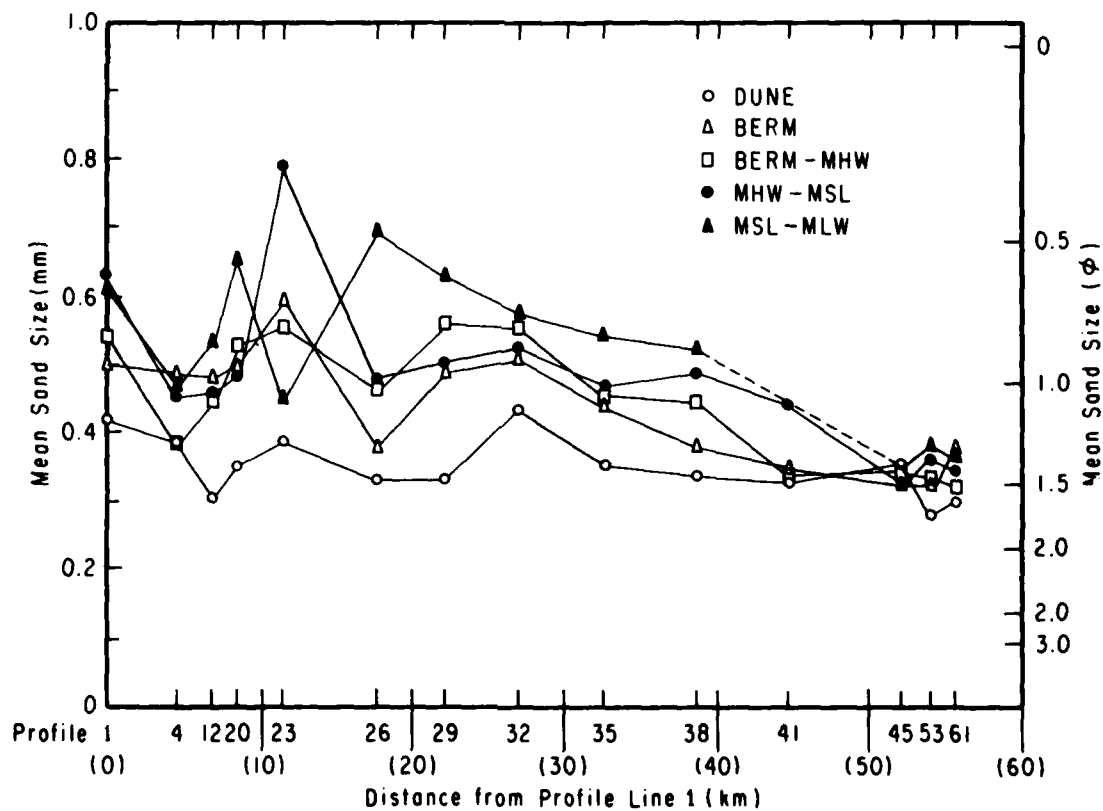


Figure 44. Alongshore variation in mean grain size by profile position.

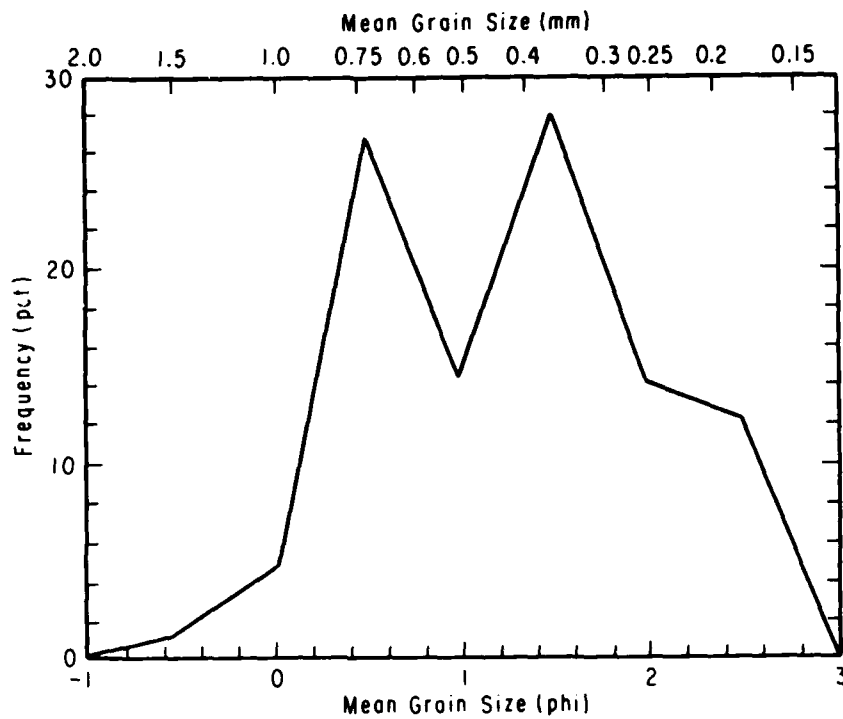


Figure 45. Example of bimodal foreshore sand-size distribution, collected at profile line 20 on 7 May 1976 (elevation +0.2 meter MSL).

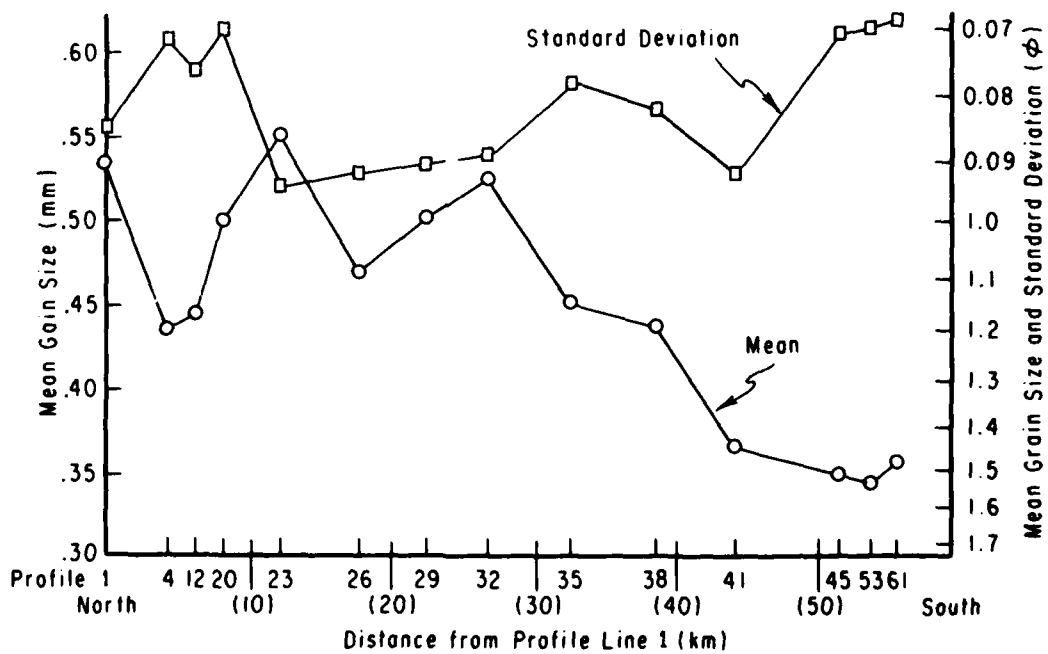


Figure 46. Alongshore variation in average mean grain size and standard deviation.

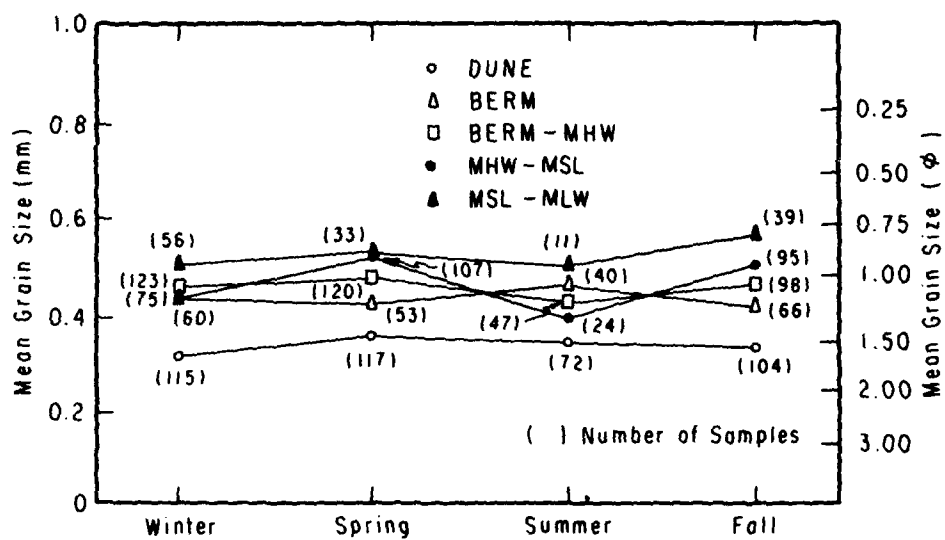


Figure 47. Mean grain size averaged by season and profile position.

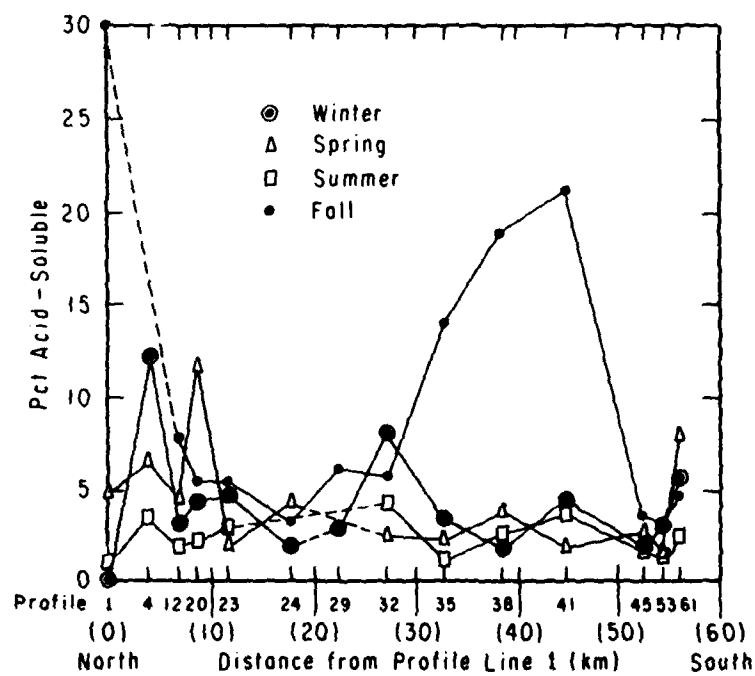


Figure 48. Carbonate percentage in foreshore samples by season.

Foreshore slope was determined at the same time each sample set was taken. Figure 49 shows the strong positive correlation coefficient ($r = 0.88$) between the average mean grain size and the average foreshore slope for each of the 15 profile lines; Figure 50 shows the decrease in average foreshore slope from north to south.

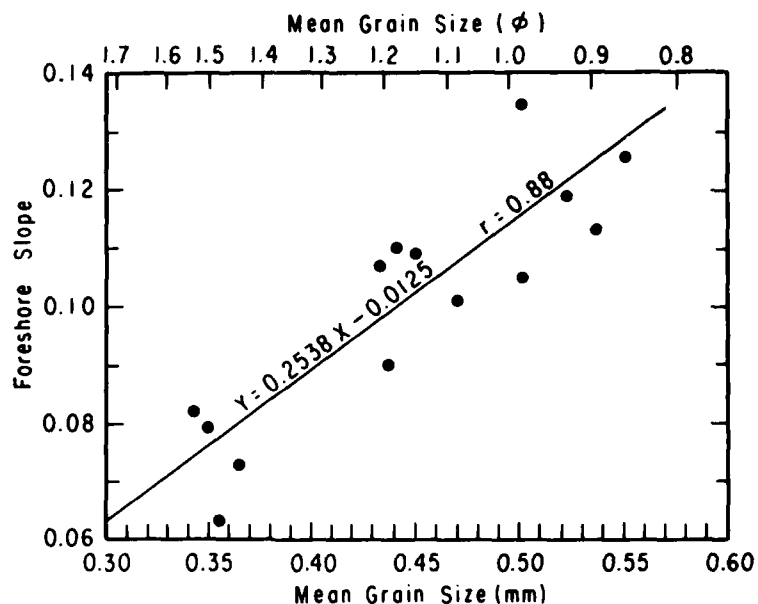


Figure 49. Average foreshore slope versus average mean grain size.

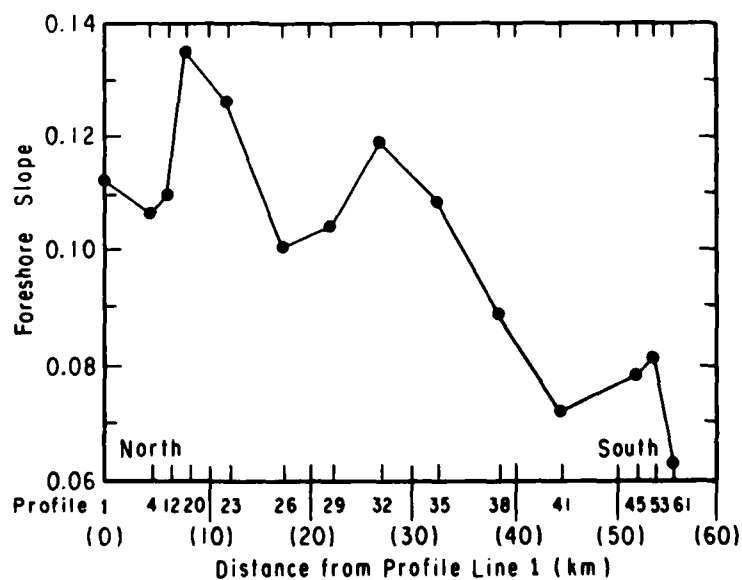


Figure 50. Alongshore variation in average foreshore slope.

The north-to-south decrease in mean grain size confirms earlier findings by Swift, et al. (1971) and Shideler (1973). A downdrift decrease in sand size has been noted at other localities along the east coast (e.g., Ramsey and Galvin, 1977). The coarse sand along the northern section of the study area is characterized by a bimodal-size distribution. The northward-coarsening trend does not continue northward of the study area (Goldsmith, Sturm, and Thomas, 1977), but appears to be localized between Caffey's Inlet and the vicinity of Duck. Swift, et al. (1971) attributed this coarse anomaly to a local source of gravel which is excavated from the former Albemarle River channel.

b. Nearshore Sediments. In August 1979 scuba divers collected a set of 35 short-core sediment samples on three shore-normal transects--along the pier centerline and along parallel lines 75 meters both north and south of the pier centerline. The results of the settling tube (RSA) analysis of these samples are plotted as box plots in Figure 51. Each sample is plotted relative to its distance (in meters) from the FRF base line, along the shore-normal transect. Values of the 10th, 16th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th, 84th, and 90th percentiles of the cumulative size distribution are also plotted for each sample. Sample depths, as determined by lead-line soundings and corrected to MSL elevations, are plotted for each transect. The statistics are summarized in Table 11.

According to Folk's (1965) classification, the bottom material is generally moderately well sorted, medium to fine sand. Median grain size ranges from 0.28 to 0.12 millimeter (1.85 to 3.11 phi) with sorting values ranging between 0.74 and 0.40 millimeter (0.44 and 1.31 phi) (Table 11). A zone of sandy silt is encountered at 13- to 15-meter (45 to 49 feet) depths. No gravel was directly observed, although one sample (Table 11, transect I,13) taken 43 meters (140 feet) directly seaward of the pier end did contain a secondary mode in the 1.4- to 1.0-millimeter (-0.5 to 0 phi) size fraction (very coarse sand).

The bottom was generally observed to be rippled, except in the surf zone where ripples were wiped out by surging breakers. Ripples were generally shore parallel with wavelengths ranging from 4 to 12 centimeters (1.5 to 5 inches) and heights from 1 to 4 centimeters (0.4 to 1.5 inches). At a 2.9-meter water depth megaripples were observed to be the primary bed form with smaller ripples superimposed. Megaripple wavelength was 2 meters (6.5 feet); height was 15 centimeters (6 inches).

c. Subbottom Sediments. Field (1973) summarized the results of a subbottom geophysical survey conducted at the site in 1972-73. His analysis of four nearshore vibracores and five drill holes (Figs. 52 and 53) showed that the beach is underlain by more than 15 meters of sand at the shoreline, thinning to about 1.5 meters at the 12-meter contour. Sediments vary from coarse sand with gravel layers to dense, poorly graded (well-sorted), fine sand. Alternating silts, clays, and silty sands are common below this sand prism. Geophysical records show a nearly horizontal reflector (layer) at -12 meters MSL nearshore that appears to intersect the bottom and become exposed at about -14 meters MSL. The depth of this major reflector was found to correlate with the change from sand with gravel layers to silts and clays noted in the core logs (Fig. 53). The surface samples and visual observations discussed above confirm an outcrop of the silt layer at -13 to -15 meters MSL. Detailed core logs and geophysical records are on file at CERC.

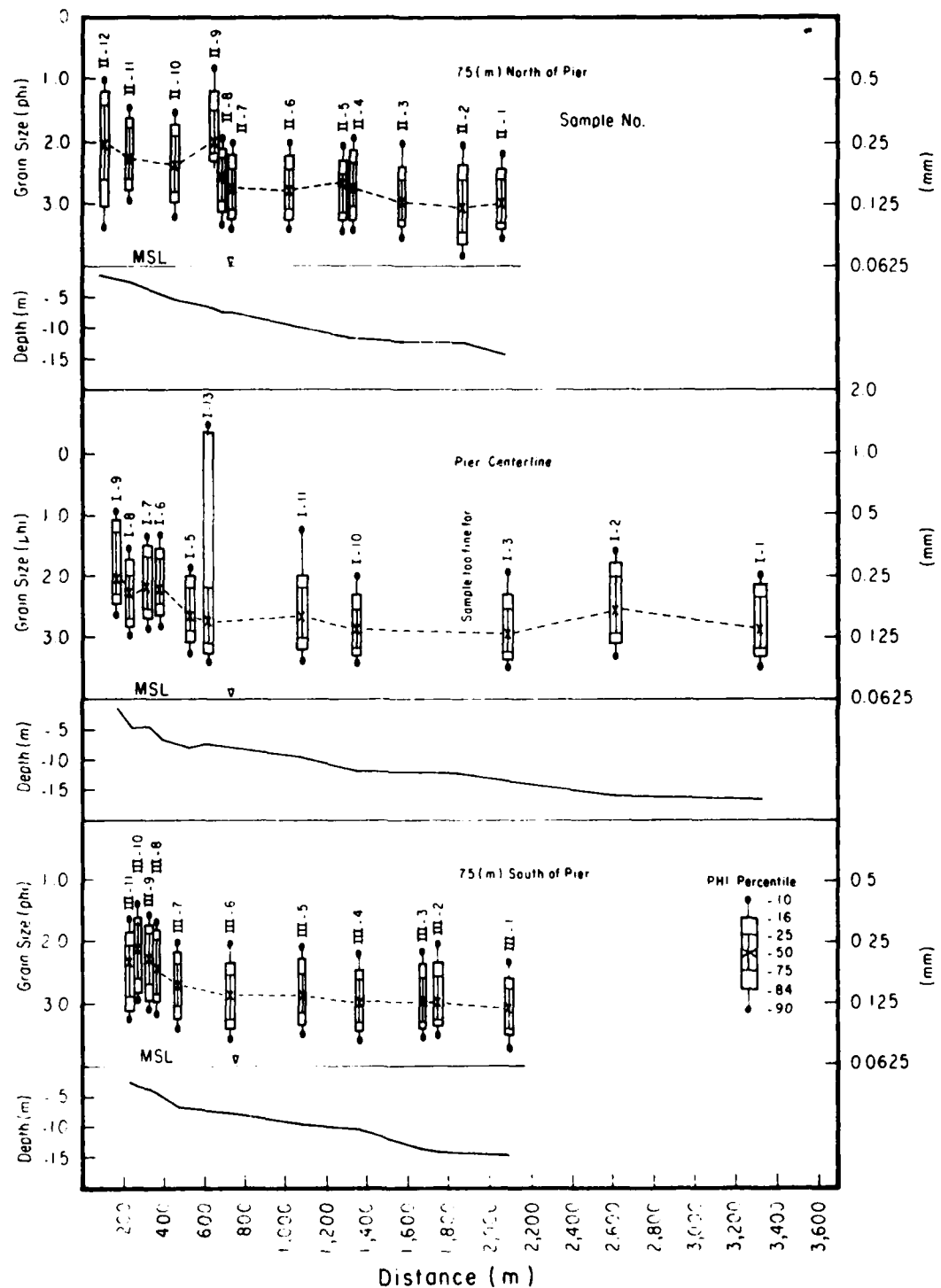


Figure 51. Size distributions of sediment cores collected along three transects near the FRE, 7 to 9 August 1979.

Table 11. FRF offshore sand samples, 7 to 9 August 1979.

Sample No.	MSL depth (m)	Mean grain size		Median grain size		Std. dev. (phi)	Distance from base line (m)
		(phi)	(mm)	(phi)	(mm)		
TRANSECT I (pier centerline)							
1	16.4	2.76	0.15	2.86	0.14	0.51	3,341
2	15.8	2.48	0.13	2.55	0.17	0.59	2,610
3	13.7	2.83	0.14	2.95	0.13	0.56	2,085
4	11.99	----- ¹	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,638
5	8.1	2.47	0.18	2.62	0.16	0.64	550
6	6.5	2.05	0.24	2.18	0.22	0.63	410
7	4.7	2.03	0.24	2.16	0.22	0.70	350
8	4.7	2.31	0.20	2.39	0.19	0.48	250
9	1.4	1.80	0.29	1.89	0.27	0.66	210
10	11.3	2.77	0.15	2.87	0.14	0.54	1,366
11	9.40	2.47	0.18	2.67	0.16	0.83	1,093
13	7.30	2.27	0.21	2.74	0.15	1.31	640
TRANSECT II (75 meters north of centerline)							
1	14.5	2.96	0.13	3.01	0.12	0.44	2,090
2	12.7	2.97	0.13	3.08	0.12	0.70	1,890
3	12.2	2.83	0.14	2.96	0.13	0.62	1,647
4	11.7	2.64	0.16	2.75	0.15	0.58	1,361
5	11.4	2.77	0.15	2.85	0.14	0.51	1,340
6	9.8	2.71	0.15	2.79	0.14	0.55	1,085
7	7.6	2.69	0.15	2.77	0.15	0.57	787
8	7.6	2.60	0.16	2.61	0.16	0.46	736
9	6.9	1.79	0.29	1.97	0.26	0.61	704
10	5.3	2.32	0.20	2.37	0.19	0.64	497
11	2.7	2.14	0.23	2.24	0.21	0.63	283
12	1.5	2.03	0.24	2.01	0.25	0.91	159
TRANSECT III (75 meters south of centerline)							
1	14.7	2.99	0.13	3.11	0.12	0.62	2,090
2	14.1	2.78	0.15	2.93	0.13	0.76	1,750
3	13.6	2.89	0.13	2.98	0.13	0.58	1,675
4	10.4	2.86	0.14	2.94	0.13	0.64	1,370
5	9.6	2.80	0.14	2.86	0.14	0.47	1,088
6	7.8	2.86	0.14	2.87	0.14	0.50	743
7	6.5	2.68	0.16	2.70	0.15	0.54	491
8	4.1	2.44	0.18	2.45	0.18	0.51	379
9	3.8	2.26	0.21	2.29	0.20	0.55	343
10	3.0	2.15	0.23	2.13	0.23	0.59	275
11	2.5	2.46	0.18	2.41	0.19	0.61	251

¹Too fine for RSA.

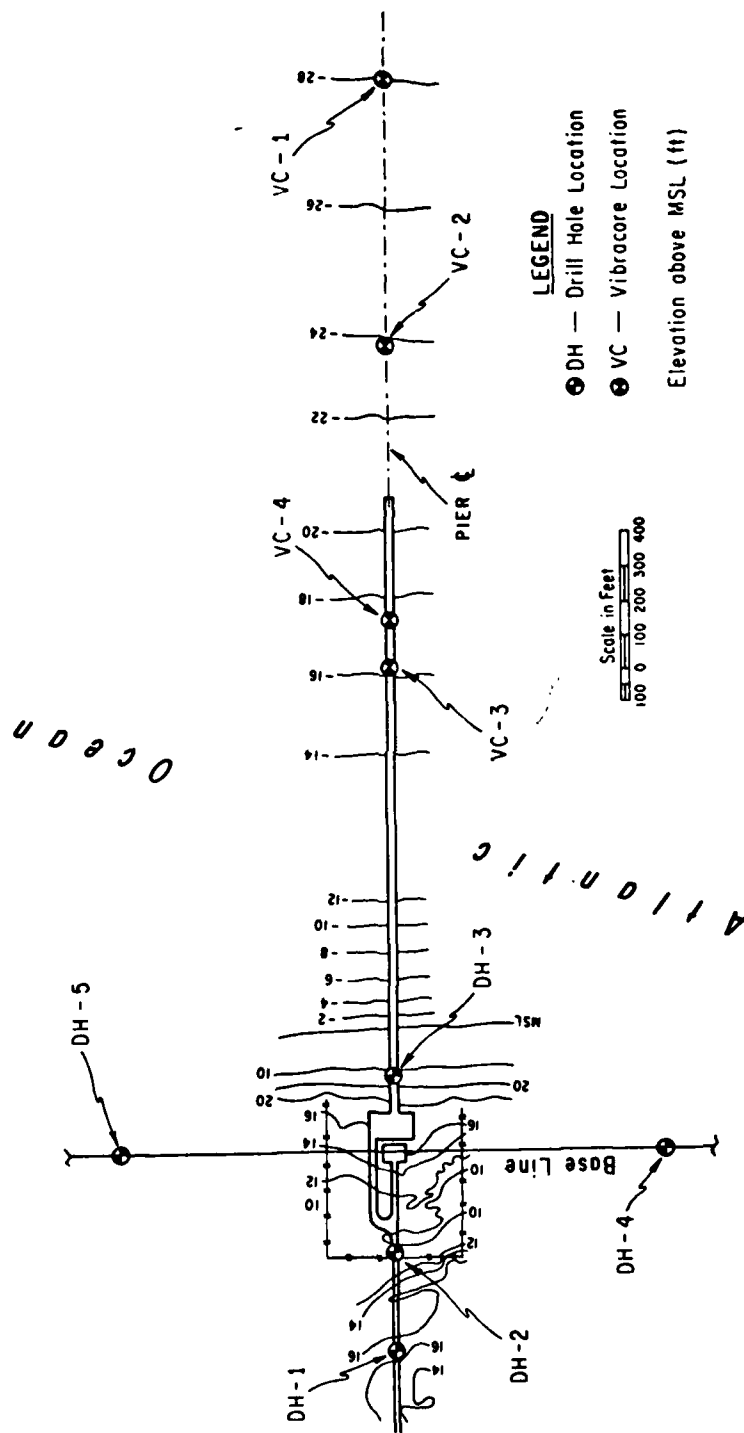


Figure 52. Location of drill holes and vibracores.

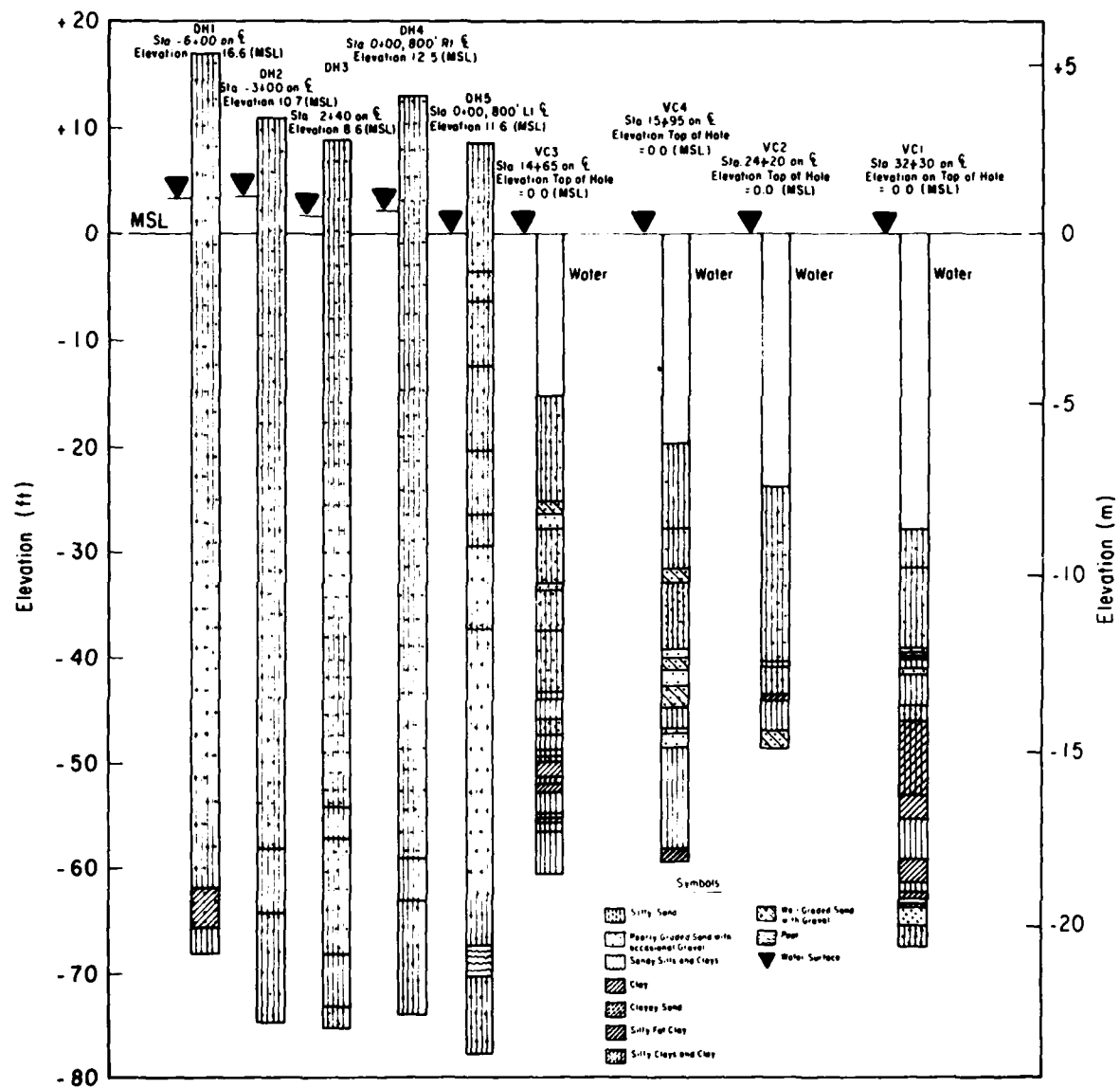


Figure 53. Summary of drill hole and vibracore logs.

VI. ECOLOGY OF THE FRF SITE

The mid-1600 settlement of the Outer Banks drastically changed the vegetation and topography of the region. Forests were diminished for fuel and building, and grass and shrubs were uprooted by grazing livestock which continued into the beginning of the 1900's. Once vegetation was disrupted the sandy soils became susceptible to movement by wind and storm tides. The blowouts and sand dunes seen today are results of these forces.

In 1935 the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps began stabilizing the foredune from the Virginia border to approximately the middle of Ocracoke Island. Some of these foredunes now exceed 8 meters in height. The ocean beach, foredunes, arborescent (tree- and shrub-dominated) and sound-side marsh zones are the most characteristic features of the Outer Banks profile (Levy, 1976). The most variable zone is between the foredune and the arborescent zone. This is particularly evident at the FRF site.

1. Vegetation.

Levy (1976) conducted a complete vegetation study of the FRF site. A vegetation map of 11 different communities in the area is shown in Figure 54. Permanent plots were located in each of the designated communities. The results of the study showed the flora to be composed of about 178 species and 132 genera representing 58 families (App. E). Six of the plant communities correlate with the communities generally common to the Outer Banks: foredunes, wetlands, oceanside shrub, sound-side shrub, low dune grass, and bare sand. The remaining five communities are relatively unique to this site: sound-side disturbed, planted American beachgrass (*Ammophila breviligulata*), planted bitter panicum (*Panicum amomulum*), sandgrass-buttonweed (*Triplasis purpurea*-*Diodia teres*), and spurge-sandgrass (*Euphorbia polygonifolia*-*Triplasis purpurea*).

In September 1978, CERC reestablished approximately two-thirds of the previous plots, which could be located, and added more. Plant species were collected and identified, and the vegetation was mapped for comparison with aerial photos at scales of 1:2000 to 1:34000. Optimum scales for identifying vegetative species, associations, communities, and zones were also determined in the comparison.

a. Dune Vegetation. In April 1972, before CERC obtained the FRF site, the U.S. Navy sprigged the area with American beachgrass. In 1973 and 1974, North Carolina State University conducted experiments on propagation, handling, processing, and planting of bitter panicum, American beachgrass, and sea oats (*Uniola paniculata*) in the northern part of the site about 300 meters inland. By the fall of 1974, bitter panicum was the most successfully established. Fertilizer applications were necessary to retain the vigor of the planted stands. The results of this study were reported by Seneca, Woodhouse, and Broome (1976). Although the actual plantings are no longer clearly delineated, the general area is still identifiable from the air (see Fig. 4).

b. Marsh Vegetation. Experimental marsh plantings were established between April and September 1973 on the sound-side shore of the site to

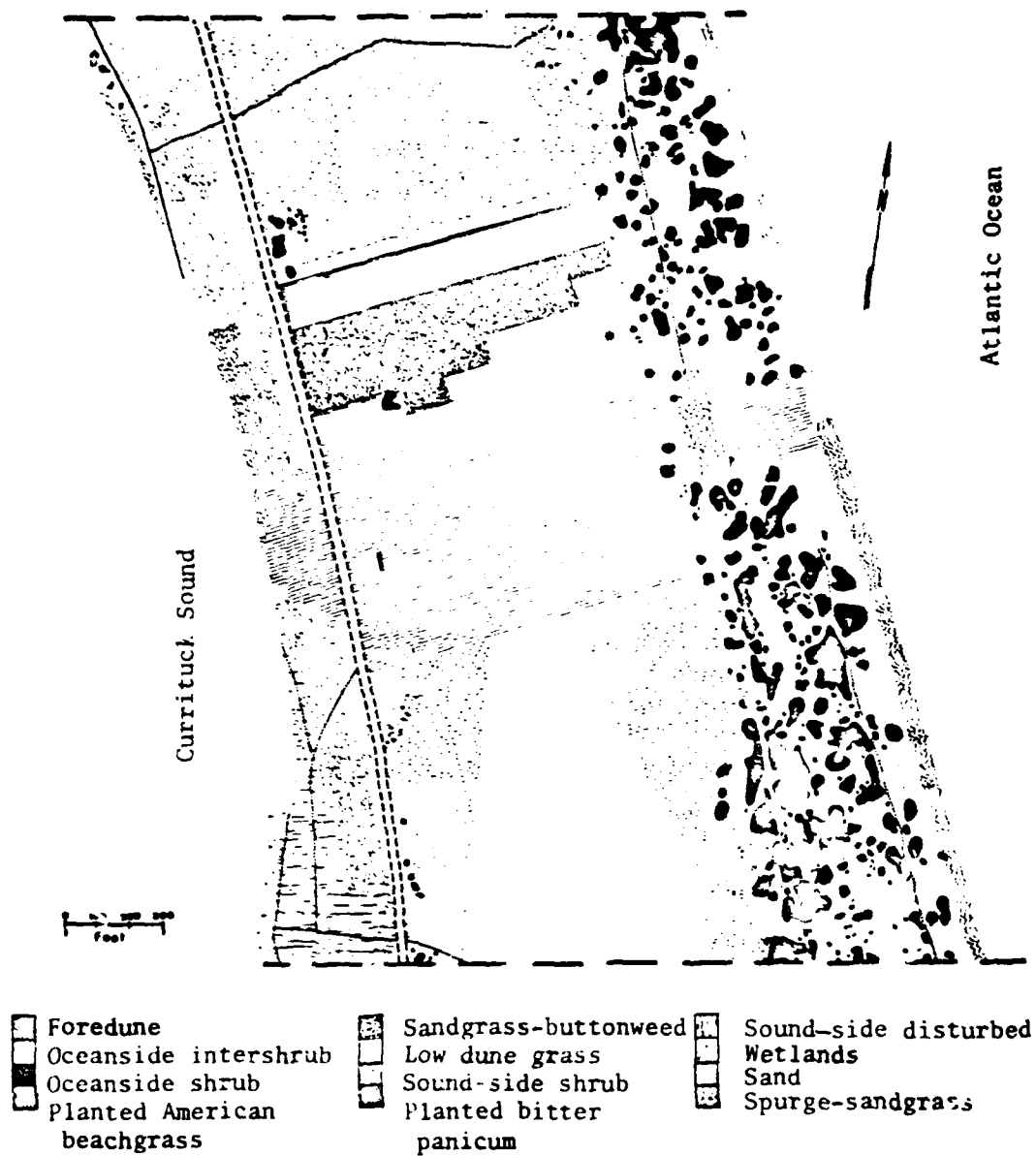


Figure 54. Vegetation map of the FRF (Levy, 1976).

stabilize the eroding shore (Fig. 55): a nursery area to the south and an unplanted control area to the north. Four species were planted: smooth cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*), black needlerush (*Juncus roemerianus*), narrow- and broad-leaved cattails (*Typha* spp.), and common reed (*Phragmites australis*). Plant density and dry weight for the marsh were determined in June and October 1979. The results of this experiment show that the optimum planting time is April, May, and June. CERC, in conjunction with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), has planted 10 species of freshwater marsh plants on the sound side to determine their erosion control potential, and 11 accessions of saltmeadow cordgrass (*Spartina patens*) in the dunes to determine those most suited for dune stabilization in the Outer Banks area.



Figure 55. Experimental marsh in Currituck Sound before planting (April 1973).

Profile lines in the marsh were surveyed in 1973, 1978, and 1979. Between September 1973 and September 1978, the 1- to 1.5-meter bank eroded at a rate of about 1.5 meters per year. Between 1978 and 1979, 1.06 cubic meters per meter of sediment began to accrue in the planting area, while the unplanted area eroded -1.68 cubic meters per meter. The marsh is now well established (Fig. 56). Many new species, mostly freshwater species, have invaded the marsh as the salinity is negligible, varying between 1 and 5 parts per thousand. Sediments in the sound are composed of medium sand.

2. Fauna Studies.

Matta (1977) conducted an intensive seasonal study of the FRF ocean and sound beach fauna. On the ocean beach, 23 species of macrofauna in 5 phyla and 19 families were collected (see App. E); all but four of these species were polychaetes or crustaceans. Several types of meiofauna were also quantitated but were not identified to the species level. On the sound beach 23 species of macrofauna in 4 phyla and 23 families were collected (see App. E), with the phylum Arthropoda dominating the macrofauna, the phylum Annelida the most numerous.



Figure 56. Experimental marsh in September 1975.

The land fauna were surveyed over a period of a year from August 1975 to September 1976 (Gorbics and Hurme, 1978). Identification was made on the basis of tracks, scats, visual observation, and trapping. Thirteen different species were documented; however, the study was not intensive enough to provide a complete fauna list.

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VII. OTHER AVAILABLE DATA

This section provides lists of some of the data available for the FRF, including aerial photography (Table 12), LEO data (Table 13), beach survey data (Table 14), and ecological data (Table 15). Refer to Table 3 for information about available data from sensors located on the FRF pier.

Table 12. Duck aerial photography.

Date	Format	Scale	Source	Project
21 Oct. 1940	B & W 9" x 9"	1:24,000	USGS	Barrier Reefs, N.C. coast (F9885)
29 Mar. 1955	B & W 9" x 9"	1:20,000	NOAA	55W
5 Dec. 1958	B & W 9" x 9"	1:20,000	ASCS	AOL
13 Mar. 1962	B & W 9" x 9"	1:5,000	USGS	MATS 62-1
3 May 1962	B & W 9" x 9"	1:20,000	USGS	MATS 62-1/MISS-77
25 June 1963	B & W 9" x 9"	1:5,000	NOAA	62 W
Aug. 1971	B & W 9" x 9"	1:12,000	CERC	
1 Nov. 1971	B & W 9" x 9"	1:12,000	CERC	VT33TRTS013-UNC
6 Nov. 1972	B & W 9" x 9"	1:12,000	CERC	VT33TRTS090-AGMU
30 Jan. 1973	B & W 9" x 9"	1:130,000	NASA	73-013C
13 Feb. 1973	Color IR 9" x 9"	1:12,000	CERC	
Sept. 1973	B & W 9" x 9"		CERC	
2 Feb. 1977	Color/ color IR 9" x 9"	Varies	CERC	Quarterly
29 July 1977	Color 9" x 9"	1:6,000/ 1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
10 Aug. 1977	Color 9" x 9"	1:6,000	CERC	Quarterly
11 Nov. 1977	Color 9" x 9"	Varies	CERC	Quarterly
8 Feb. 1978	Color 9" x 9"	Varies	CERC	Quarterly
16 May 1978	B & W 9" x 9"	1:2,000/ 1:6,000/ 1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
12 Sept. 1978	Color/ color IR 9" x 9"	Varies	CERC	Duck-X flight
13 Sept. 1978	B & W 9" x 9"	1:12,000	CERC	Duck-X flight
18 Oct. 1978	B & W 9" x 9"	1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
2 Dec. 1978	B & W 9" x 9"	1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
21 Apr. 1979	B & W/ color IR 9" x 9"	1:6,000/ 1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
20 Sept. 1979	B & W/ color IR 9" x 9"	1:6,000/ 1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
15 Oct. 1979	B & W 9" x 9"	1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
25 Oct. 1979	B & W/ color IR 9" x 9"	1:6,000/ 1:12,000	CERC	SEAP
16 Jan. 1980	B & W/ color IR 9" x 9"	1:6,000/ 1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
3 Mar. 1980	Color 9" x 9"	1:12,000	SAW	Poststorm
15 Apr. 1980	B & W/ color 9" x 9"	1:6,000/ 1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
15 July 1980	B & W 9" x 9"	1:6,000/ 1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
15 Oct. 1980	B & W 5" x 5"	1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly
24 Mar. 1981	Color 9" x 9"	1:12,000	CERC	Quarterly

Table 13. Summary of visual Littoral Environment Observations (LEO).

Year	No. per month											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Sea Crest (see Fig. 1)												
1972							36	29	30	34	49	43
1973	33	37	59	29	57	25	43	35	34	54	27	11
1974	27	29	26	12	27	26	30	9	15	30	25	16
1975	22	24	30	12	21	27	16	19	26	19	26	24
1976	30		31	29	26	29	25	16	22	30	24	11
1977	31	4	9	11	26	28	30	30	29	14	7	4
1978	20	27	14	18	11	17	11			21		15
1979	13	5	18	12					3	24	16	7
Avalon pier (see Fig. 11)												
1973										8	60	52
1974	60	56	62	60	55	57	62	62	59	62	4	40
1975	62	56	61	60	62	60	62	61	60	60	60	62
1976	62	58	61	60	62	61	61	56	80	62	60	54
1977		18	62	28	34	63	62	62	58	63	48	31
1978	31	28	31	31	31	30	31	31				
1979	31	29	30	16								
FRF pier end												
1977							6	25	16	16	16	21
1978	18	18	22	16	17	22	19	20	20	22	20	20
1979	22	16	25	21	21	18	21	23	19	21	19	31
1980	28	28	29	30	31	30	30	31	21	24	19	21
1981	25	25	31	30	28							
FRF beach												
1977							4	23	9	11	16	21
1978	21	18	21	18	20	18	19	20	21	20	18	19
1979	23	16	20	19	20	18	21	22	19	21	18	16
1980	28	28	30	30	31	29	29	30	22	23	19	19
1981	25	25	31	30	28							

Table 14. Beach profile survey and sand sampling dates (for the profile lines and piers shown in Fig. 11).

Survey No.	Date	Task code ¹	Survey No.	Date	Task code ¹	Survey No.	Date	Task code ¹	Survey No.	Date	Task code ¹
1	7 May 74	2	36	7 Feb. 75	1, 2	72	12 Sept. 75	1, 2	109	2 May 76	1, 2
2	3 June 74		37	8 Feb. 75	1, 2	73	13 Sept. 75	1, 2	110	3 May 76	1, 2
3	1 July 74		38	9 Feb. 75	1, 2	74	14 Sept. 75	1, 2	111	4 May 76	1, 2
4	6 Aug. 74		39	10 Feb. 75	1, 2	75	15 Sept. 75	1, 2	112	5 May 76	1, 2
5	12 Aug. 74		40	11 Feb. 75	1, 2	76	16 Sept. 75	1, 2	113	6 May 76	1, 2
6	19 Aug. 74		41	12 Feb. 75	1, 2	77	17 Sept. 75	1, 2	114	7 May 76	1, 2
7	10 Aug. 74		42	13 Feb. 75	1, 2	78	18 Sept. 75	1, 2	115	8 May 76	1, 2
8	3 Sept. 74	2	43	14 Feb. 75	1, 2	79	19 Sept. 75	1, 2	116	9 May 76	1, 2
9	9 Sept. 74		44	15 Feb. 75	1, 2	80	20 Sept. 75	1, 2	117	10 May 76	1, 2
10	16 Sept. 74		45	16 Feb. 75	1, 2	81	21 Sept. 75	1, 2	118	11 May 76	1, 2
11	23 Sept. 74		46	17 Feb. 75	1, 2	82	22 Sept. 75	1, 2	119	12 May 76	1, 2
12	30 Sept. 74		47	18 Feb. 75	1, 2	83	23 Sept. 75	1, 2	120	13 May 76	1, 2
13	7 Oct. 74		49	3 Mar. 75		84	24 Sept. 75	1, 2	121	14 May 76	1, 2
14	4 Nov. 74		50	15 Mar. 75		85	25 Sept. 75	1, 2	122	15 May 76	1, 2
15	3 Dec. 74		51	19 Mar. 75		86	26 Sept. 75	1, 2	123	16 May 76	1, 2
16	17 Jan. 75		52	31 Mar. 75	2	87	27 Sept. 75	1, 2	124	17 May 76	1, 2
17	6 Jan. 75	2	53	28 Apr. 75		89	28 Oct. 75	2	125	18 May 76	1, 2
18	20 Jan. 75	1, 2	54	2 June 75		90	10 Nov. 75		126	19 May 76	1, 2
19	21 Jan. 75	1, 2	55	2 July 75		91	26 Nov. 75	2	127	20 May 76	1, 2
20	22 Jan. 75	1, 2	56	14 July 75		92	5 Jan. 76	2	128	21 May 76	1, 2
21	23 Jan. 75	1, 2	57	11 Aug. 75		93	10 Feb. 76		129	8 June 76	2
22	24 Jan. 75	1, 2	58	29 Aug. 75	1, 2	95	11 Mar. 76		130	7 July 76	
23	25 Jan. 75	1, 2	59	30 Aug. 75	1, 2	96	6 Apr. 76	2	131	2 Aug. 76	
24	26 Jan. 75	1, 2	60	31 Aug. 75	1, 2	97	11 Apr. 76		132	4 Aug. 76	
25	27 Jan. 75	1, 2	61	1 Sept. 75	1, 2	98	21 Apr. 76	1, 2	133	10 Aug. 76	
26	28 Jan. 75	1, 2	62	2 Sept. 75	1, 2	99	22 Apr. 76	1, 2	134	31 Aug. 76	
27	29 Jan. 75	1, 2	63	3 Sept. 75	1, 2	100	23 Apr. 76	1, 2	135	27 Sept. 76	2
28	30 Jan. 75	1, 2	64	4 Sept. 75	1, 2	101	24 Apr. 76	1, 2	136	1 Nov. 76	
29	31 Jan. 75	1, 2	65	5 Sept. 75	1, 2	102	25 Apr. 76	1, 2	137	30 Nov. 76	
30	1 Feb. 75	1, 2	66	6 Sept. 75	1, 2	103	26 Apr. 76	1, 2	138	15 Dec. 76	
31	2 Feb. 75	1, 2	67	7 Sept. 75	1, 2	104	27 Apr. 76	1, 2	139	5 Jan. 77	
32	3 Feb. 75	1, 2	68	8 Sept. 75	1, 2	105	28 Apr. 76	1, 2	140	11 Jan. 77	
33	4 Feb. 75	1, 2	69	9 Sept. 75	1, 2	106	29 Apr. 76	1, 2	141	24 Jan. 77	
34	5 Feb. 75	1, 2	70	10 Sept. 75	1, 2	107	30 Apr. 76	1, 2			
35	6 Feb. 75	1, 2	71	11 Sept. 75	1, 2	108	1 May 76	1, 2			

¹Blank indicates monthly or weekly surveys of all profiles; 1, daily surveys of profiles 4-20 only; 2, sand sample taken.

Table 15. Ecological data for FRF.

Data	Survey dates	Remarks
1. Sound-side marsh and control area profile lines	Sept. 1973, Sept. 1978, May 1979, Oct. 1979, Apr. 1980, July 1980, Sept. 1980, May 1981-July 1981, Nov. 1981	See Section VI,1,b for preliminary results
2. Currituck sound profiles (nine profile lines located every 51.8 meters (170 feet) along sound shore)	June 1979, May 1980	Lines are labeled "CS" in Figure 10
3. Herbarium specimens (collection of plant species)	Plant study (Levy, 1976)	Available at CERC Coastal Ecology Branch
4. Beach fauna reference collection	Fauna study (Matta, 1977)	Available at CERC Coastal Ecology Branch

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- Atlases
- Beach Processes
- Bibliographies
- Ecology
- Geology
- Hydraulics
- Inlets
- Miscellaneous
- Sediments
- Shoreline Changes

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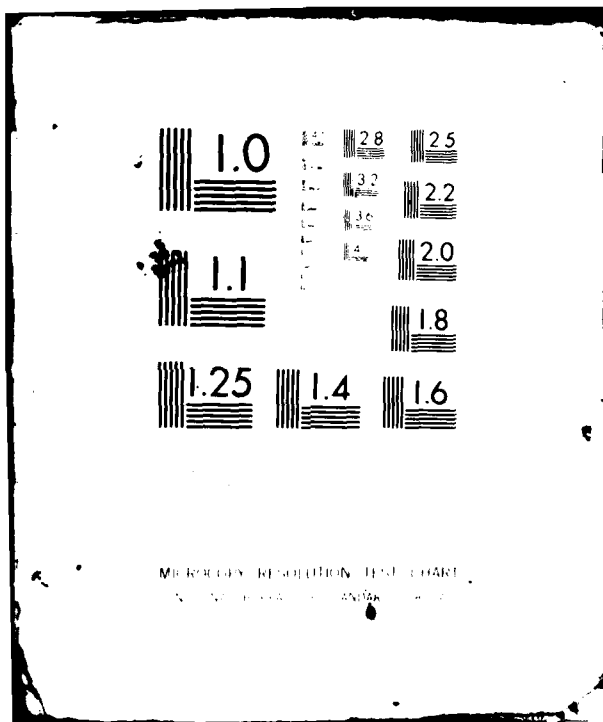
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APPENDIX B

DIVE PLAN

Nongovernment Diving Operations Plan
Field Research Facility
Duck, North Carolina

1. Description of Mission:

a. Diving operations are scheduled to be conducted from _____
to _____ at the Field Research Facility (FRI), Duck, North Carolina.

b. The diving operation is being conducted by personnel from _____

(organization)

c. Briefly describe purpose of operation.

d. Describe in detail proposed underwater work.

e. Describe location of operation (if available include any coordinates,
transit angles, etc.) in relation to the pier.

f. If equipment is to be left in place, provide a diagram on a separate page of the general layout including distances, instrumentation, handlines, pipes, buoys, etc.

g. Total expected bottom time for each diver for entire operation is _____ hours.

h. Maximum expected depth is _____ feet.

2. Description of Diving Apparatus/Equipment to be Used.

a. Open-circuit scuba, SAS, other (describe).

b. Wet suit, unisuit.

c. Tanks.

(1) Single - double.

(2) Steel - aluminum.

(3) Number being brought to FRF _____.

d. Diving craft or platform.

(1) Craft.

(a) Make _____.

(b) Length _____.

(c) Outboard hp _____.

(d) Number of personnel (including divers) to accompany craft ____.

(2) If craft is not being used, briefly describe

(a) Means by which divers will enter and exit the water.

(b) Approximate distance from entry and exit point(s) to dive location.

3. Safety Requirements.

a. Diving.

(1) A standard diving flag will be displayed when diving operations are underway.

(2) All dives will be no-decompression dives.

(3) The minimum number of personnel on a scuba dive team will include: a diver, a buddy diver or standby diver (if diver is line tended) and a tender/timekeeper.

(4) Divers will maintain either visual or physical contact when submerged.

(5) A buoyancy compensator will be worn by each diver.

(6) Dives will not be made when steady currents exceed 1 knot.

(7) All dives will be accomplished in accordance with OSHA Commercial Diving Regulation, Part 1910, Subpart T.

b. One diver in each dive team will be designated as the "senior diver" with the following responsibilities:

(1) Maintain a first aid kit.

(2) Notify the FRF Chief when diving operations are underway and when they are secured.

(3) Insure that emergency support and facilities are available prior to commencement of dive.

(4) Give an operations briefing to all divers prior to the start of operations.

(5) Conduct a pre-dive check on divers prior to entering the water.

c. Diving craft.

(1) Breaking waves 4 feet or higher will preclude launching of craft through the surf zone.

(2) Normal safe boating practices will be followed.

4. Personnel.

Position	Name	Certification (type and date) divers only
Onsite supervisor (if other than senior diver)		
Senior diver		
Divers		
Support personnel		

Place an asterisk (*) beside any personnel who are first aid and/or CPR qualified.

If for any reason the dive plan, as approved, is altered in mission, depth, personnel or equipment, the FRF Group Diving Coordinator shall be contacted in order that he may review any revision prior to actual operations.

SUBMITTED BY: _____
name (please print) _____ date _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

FRF Group Diving Coordinator _____ date _____

APPROVED: _____
Chief, Field Research Facility _____ date _____

APPENDIX D

MONTHLY JOINT WAVE HEIGHT-PERIOD DISTRIBUTIONS

HAVE CLIMATOLOGY FOR MAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD VIA OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS
573 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR JAN 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)													TOT. #	CUM. #	PERC. #
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13+	TOT. #	AVG. #
0.0 - 1.0															1000	0.00
1.0 - 1.9															1000	0.00
2.0 - 2.9		2													2	1.00
3.0 - 3.9		2	7	5	2										16	4.48
4.0 - 4.9		10	24	5	8	2									49	8.55
5.0 - 5.9		10	35	17	24	7									100	17.4
6.0 - 6.9		10	24	25	20	14	3								100	17.4
7.0 - 7.9		7	21	11	14	7	7								77	13.43
8.0 - 8.9	7	21	70	31	13	21	2								177	31.21
9.0 - 9.9		25	23	24	10	2	3	3							117	20.75
10.0 - 10.9	2	24	26	19	10	5	2		2						76	13.43
11.0 - 11.9																
12.0 - 12.9	2	20	40	31	17	10	7	3							133	23.92
13.0 - 13.9																
14.0 - 14.9	2	21	9	2	2		5	2							42	7.5
15.0 - 15.9																
16.0 - 16.9	2	19		2											23	4.13
17.0 - 17.9	14	7	27	24	13	20	30	9	2						149	26.35
18.0 - 18.9	10	10	24	11	10	10	40	10	2						149	26.35
19.0 - 19.9	10	10	24	11	10	10	40	10	2						149	26.35
20.0 - 20.9	10	10	24	11	10	10	40	10	2						149	26.35
TOTAL	14	7	27	24	13	20	30	9	2						149	26.35
PERCENT TOTAL	9.37	4.63	18.12	16.11	8.72	13.45	20.13	6.04	1.34						100	
PERCENT PERIOD	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

MEAN SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT = 3.41 FT
STANDARD DEVIATION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT = 1.93 FT
STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 2.65 SECS

HAVE CLIMATOLOGY FOR MAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD VIA OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS
573 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR JAN 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)													TOT. #	CUM. #	PERC. #
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13+	TOT. #	AVG. #
0.0 - 1.0															1000	0.00
1.0 - 1.9															1000	0.00
2.0 - 2.9															1000	0.00
3.0 - 3.9		4	5	1											10	1.00
4.0 - 4.9	2	7	5	12											26	2.6
5.0 - 5.9	2	12	13	13	17	2									59	5.9
6.0 - 6.9		11	1	13	14	14	4								53	5.3
7.0 - 7.9		12	7	15	14	14	2	4							78	7.8
8.0 - 8.9	1	27	17	15	17	15	1	1							119	11.9
9.0 - 9.9	2	2	23	14	2	2	3	2							48	4.8
10.0 - 10.9	4	14	12	14	3	4	14	2		2					77	7.7
11.0 - 11.9																
12.0 - 12.9	4	23	22	14	6	14	14	14							117	11.7
13.0 - 13.9																
14.0 - 14.9		35	22	5		3	5	24	2						101	10.1
15.0 - 15.9																
16.0 - 16.9		12	2												14	1.4
17.0 - 17.9							2	2							4	0.4
18.0 - 18.9																
19.0 - 19.9																
20.0 - 20.9				4											4	0.4
TOTAL	21	52	214	141	111	55	71	65	10	2					607	6.07
PERCENT TOTAL	3.46	8.57	35.26	23.23	18.29	9.05	11.69	10.71	1.65	0.33					100	
PERCENT PERIOD	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

MEAN SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT = 3.41 FT
STANDARD DEVIATION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT = 1.93 FT
STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 2.65 SECS

STATION: MAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DATA: JAN 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78
WAVE DATA TAKEN AT 1000 HRS PER DAY, AND CONT. WAVE

• CHARTS ARE CONTINUED

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WAVE CLIMATOLOGY FOR MAYS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD (IN OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS)
705 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR MAR 69, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)														TOT.	CUM. TOT.	ROW AVG.
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13 +			
0.0 - .9																1000	0.00
1.0 - 1.9																1000	0.00
2.0 - 2.9																1000	0.00
3.0 - 3.9		1													1	1000	1.50
4.0 - 4.9		1	13	6	1										21	999	2.43
5.0 - 5.9	1	6	11	10											28	977	2.55
6.0 - 6.9	1	10	31	35	14	1	1		1						101	949	3.27
7.0 - 7.9		13	18	24	13	11	4		3						67	883	3.71
8.0 - 8.9		11	13	18	16	7	3	3							77	812	3.91
9.0 - 9.9	3	71	57	43	34	10	1	4	1						224	585	2.94
10.0 - 10.9		50	50	23	11	10	3	1	1						155	431	2.83
11.0 - 11.9	3	45	38	21	4	7	9		3						130	306	2.49
12.0 - 12.9																175	0.00
13.0 - 13.9	1	24	17	17	18	7	9	3	3						99	173	3.68
14.0 - 14.9																77	0.00
15.0 - 15.9	1	16	7	6	3	4	7	3	4						52	77	3.91
16.0 - 16.9																24	0.00
17.0 - 17.9																29	2.86
18.0 - 18.9																4	0.00
19.0 - 19.9																4	0.00
20.0 - 20.9		1	3												4	0	2.17
21.0 +																0	5.00
TOTAL	11	254	209	209	122	61	37	23	13							1000	3.22
CUM. TOTAL	1000	954	735	467	218	115	75	34	18								
CUM. AVG.	9.35	9.54	8.66	8.17	8.74	9.59	10.69	12.14	10.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.05		1
AVERAGE SIG. HEIGHT = 3.21 FT AVERAGE WAVE PERIOD = 9.08 SEC																	
VARIANCE OF SIG. HEIGHT = 2.79 FT SQ VARIANCE OF WAVE PERIOD = 7.92 SEC SQ																	
STANDARD DEVIATION OF HEIGHT = 1.67 FT STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 2.81 SEC																	

WAVE CLIMATOLOGY FOR MAYS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD (IN OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS)
658 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR APR 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)														TOT.	CUM.	ROW
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13+		TOT.	AVG.
0.0 - .9																1000	0.00
1.0 - 1.9																1000	0.00
2.0 - 2.9																1000	0.00
3.0 - 3.9		3	2												5	995	1.33
4.0 - 4.9		11	11	2											23	972	2.10
5.0 - 5.9		12	9	16											40	932	2.65
6.0 - 6.9		38	23	15	11	5	2								93	840	2.70
7.0 - 7.9	3	25	32	12	14	5	3								94	746	2.85
8.0 - 8.9	7	21	15	5	6	4	3								58	688	2.49
9.0 - 9.9	15	123	63	15	11	2	3	5	2						243	445	2.22
10.0 - 10.9	8	58	65	32	9	9	3	1	2						163	287	2.72
11.0 - 11.9	2	40	24	15	9	9	3	2							103	153	2.37
12.0 - 12.9																153	0.00
13.0 - 13.9	5	38	12	8	6	6	9		2						65	153	2.93
14.0 - 14.9																68	0.00
15.0 - 15.9		32	14	6	3										55	68	2.14
16.0 - 16.9																14	0.00
17.0 - 17.9		6	5			2									12	14	2.38
18.0 - 18.9																2	0.00
19.0 - 19.9																2	0.00
20.0 - 20.9																2	0.00
21.0 +		2													2	2	1.50
TOTAL	33	409	203	128	68	43	26	9	5							1000	3.29
CUM. TOTAL	1000	987	593	275	150	82	40	14	5								
CUM. AVG.	9.14	9.09	8.35	8.30	8.57	9.32	9.71	10.17	10.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.36		
AVERAGE SIG. HEIGHT = 2.58 FT AVERAGE WAVE PERIOD = 8.91 SEC																	
VARIANCE OF SIG. HEIGHT = 2.03 FT SQ VARIANCE OF WAVE PERIOD = 7.22 SEC SQ																	
STANDARD DEVIATION OF HEIGHT = 1.43 FT STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 2.69 SEC																	
RESULTS OBTAINED FROM 1024-SECOND DIGITAL RECORDS TAKEN WITH A STEP RES. AND CONT. WIRE																	
WAVE GAGE LOCATED AT JENNETTES PIER.																	
* CALMS ARE OMITTED.																	

WAVE CLIMATOLOGY FOR WAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD (IN OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS)
539 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR MAY 69, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)													TOT.	CUM.	NO.
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13 +	TOT.	AVG.
0.0 - .9															1000	0.00
1.0 - 1.9															1000	0.00
2.0 - 2.9		6													6	1000 1.50
3.0 - 3.9		9	13												24	944 2.19
4.0 - 4.9		6	7	11	9										33	970 3.22
5.0 - 5.9		6	17	17	7		2								48	957 3.19
6.0 - 6.9	7	11	26	4	13										61	869 2.56
7.0 - 7.9	6	37	33	9	7	2			2						96	827 2.42
8.0 - 8.9	20	197	126	63	17	6	2								430	731 2.23
9.0 - 9.9	6	48	39	33	11	7									145	301 2.63
10.0 - 10.9	4	19	11	9	19	7	2	2							72	156 3.32
11.0 - 11.9																43 0.00
12.0 - 12.9	11	22	9		6		2	2							52	43 2.18
13.0 - 13.9																32 0.00
14.0 - 14.9	8	17	8						2						26	32 2.00
15.0 - 15.9																6 0.00
16.0 - 16.9		2	8												6	6 2.17
TOTAL	58	376	289	148	59	22	7	4	4							2.47
CUM. TOTAL	1000	942	504	275	126	37	15	7	4							
COL. AVG.	9.53	8.79	8.22	8.04	8.23	9.42	9.25	11.53	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.55	

AVERAGE SIG. HEIGHT = 2.43 FT AVERAGE WAVE PERIOD = 6.56 SEC
VARIANCE OF SIG. HEIGHT = 1.61 FT SQ VARIANCE OF WAVE PERIOD = 4.65 SEC SQ
STANDARD DEVIATION OF HEIGHT = 1.27 FT STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 2.15 SEC

WAVE CLIMATOLOGY FOR WAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD (IN OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS)
539 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR JUN 71, 72, 76, 77

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)													TOT.	CUM.	NO.
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13 +	TOT.	AVG.
0.0 - .9															1000	0.00
1.0 - 1.9															1000	0.00
2.0 - 2.9															1000	0.00
3.0 - 3.9				6											6	1000 1.50
4.0 - 4.9		3	20	9											32	994 2.68
5.0 - 5.9		11	29	14											55	943 2.55
6.0 - 6.9	3	17	29	11	9										69	908 2.58
7.0 - 7.9	9	63	26	6	3										106	839 1.85
8.0 - 8.9	40	345	72	17	14	3	3								494	735 1.77
9.0 - 9.9	3	92	29	3	3	3									132	239 1.89
10.0 - 10.9	3	43	14	3	3										66	106 1.89
11.0 - 11.9																40 0.00
12.0 - 12.9		11	6			3									20	40 2.36
13.0 - 13.9																20 0.00
14.0 - 14.9	3	11													14	20 1.30
15.0 - 15.9																6 0.00
16.0 - 16.9																6 1.50
TOTAL	63	603	228	69	32	9	3									1.95
CUM. TOTAL	1000	943	336	112	43	11	3									
COL. AVG.	8.69	8.62	7.74	6.67	6.14	10.17	8.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.41	

AVERAGE SIG. HEIGHT = 1.93 FT AVERAGE WAVE PERIOD = 8.44 SEC
VARIANCE OF SIG. HEIGHT = .82 FT SQ VARIANCE OF WAVE PERIOD = 3.26 SEC SQ
STANDARD DEVIATION OF HEIGHT = .91 FT STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 1.81 SEC

RESULTS OBTAINED FROM 1024-SECOND DIGITAL RECORDS TAKEN WITH A STEP RES. AND CONT. WIRE
WAVE GAGE LOCATED AT JENNETTES PIER.
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WAVE CLIMATELOGY FOR NAOS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
 DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD (IN OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS)
 112 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR JUL 69

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)														TOT.	CUM. TOT.	AVG.
0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13+				
0.0 - .9																1000	0.00
1.0 - 1.9																1000	0.00
2.0 - 2.9																1000	0.00
3.0 - 3.9																1000	0.00
4.0 - 4.9																1000	0.00
5.0 - 5.9																1000	0.00
6.0 - 6.9																1000	0.00
7.0 - 7.9																1000	0.00
8.0 - 8.9																1000	0.00
9.0 - 9.9																1000	0.00
10.0 - 10.9																1000	0.00
11.0 - 11.9																1000	0.00
12.0 - 12.9																1000	0.00
13.0 - 13.9																1000	0.00
14.0 - 14.9																1000	0.00
TOTAL																1000	0.00
CUM. TOTAL																1000	0.00
CUM. AVG.																1000	0.00

AVERAGE SIG. HEIGHT = 1.00 FT AVERAGE WAVE PERIOD = 8.53 SEC
 VARIANCE OF SIG. HEIGHT = 1.04 FT SQ VARIANCE OF WAVE PERIOD = 2.71 SEC SQ
 STANDARD DEVIATION OF HEIGHT = 1.02 FT STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 1.65 SEC

WAVE CLIMATELOGY FOR NAOS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
 DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD (IN OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS)
 333 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR AUG 69, 70, 71, 72

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)														TOT.	CUM. TOT.	AVG.
0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13+				
0.0 - .9																1000	0.00
1.0 - 1.9																1000	0.00
2.0 - 2.9																1000	0.00
3.0 - 3.9																1000	0.00
4.0 - 4.9																1000	0.00
5.0 - 5.9																1000	0.00
6.0 - 6.9																1000	0.00
7.0 - 7.9																1000	0.00
8.0 - 8.9																1000	0.00
9.0 - 9.9																1000	0.00
10.0 - 10.9																1000	0.00
11.0 - 11.9																1000	0.00
12.0 - 12.9																1000	0.00
13.0 - 13.9																1000	0.00
14.0 - 14.9																1000	0.00
TOTAL																1000	0.00
CUM. TOTAL																1000	0.00
CUM. AVG.																1000	0.00

AVERAGE SIG. HEIGHT = 1.00 FT AVERAGE WAVE PERIOD = 8.53 SEC
 VARIANCE OF SIG. HEIGHT = 1.04 FT SQ VARIANCE OF WAVE PERIOD = 2.71 SEC SQ
 STANDARD DEVIATION OF HEIGHT = 1.02 FT STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 1.65 SEC

RESULTS OBTAINED FROM (1000-SECOND) DIGITAL RECORDS TAKEN WITH A STEP RES. AND CONT. WAVE
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WAVE CLIMATOLOGY FOR NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD (IN OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS)
489 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR SEP 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

PERIOD (SEC)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)													TOT. #	CUM. TOT. #	ROW AVG. #
0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13 +			
0.0 - 1.9														1000	0.00	
1.0 - 1.9														1000	0.00	
2.0 - 2.9														1000	0.00	
3.0 - 3.9		4												4	1000	1.50
4.0 - 4.9		2	6	4										12	946	2.67
5.0 - 5.9			4	13	2									19	965	3.70
6.0 - 5.9		14	25	20	13	5	4			2				53	953	3.38
7.0 - 6.9	2	14	35	25	12	6	6							74	945	3.23
8.0 - 7.9		14	10	11	12	12								51	935	3.09
9.0 - 8.9	10	67	66	31	21	10	4		2	2				133	927	2.94
10.0 - 9.9	2	33	37	22	16	4	6	8						109	922	3.25
11.0 - 10.9	4	29	45	14	15	14	15	2	4					145	913	3.55
12.0 - 11.9														143	913	3.70
13.0 - 12.9	6	35	35	14	25	6	8	4	4					157	908	3.23
14.0 - 13.9														157	908	3.23
15.0 - 14.9	5	14	5	2	4									31	901	3.00
16.0 - 15.9														31	901	3.00
17.0 - 16.9			6	2										8	893	2.75
18.0 - 17.9														5	893	2.75
19.0 - 18.9														5	893	2.75
20.0 - 19.9														5	893	2.75
21.0 - 20.9			2	2	2									6	887	2.50
22.0 - 21.9														6	887	2.50
23.0 - 22.9														6	887	2.50
24.0 - 23.9														6	887	2.50
25.0 - 24.9														6	887	2.50
26.0 - 25.9														6	887	2.50
27.0 - 26.9														6	887	2.50
28.0 - 27.9														6	887	2.50
29.0 - 28.9														6	887	2.50
30.0 - 29.9														6	887	2.50
31.0 - 30.9														6	887	2.50
32.0 - 31.9														6	887	2.50
33.0 - 32.9														6	887	2.50
34.0 - 33.9														6	887	2.50
35.0 - 34.9														6	887	2.50
36.0 - 35.9														6	887	2.50
37.0 - 36.9														6	887	2.50
38.0 - 37.9														6	887	2.50
39.0 - 38.9														6	887	2.50
40.0 - 39.9														6	887	2.50
41.0 - 40.9														6	887	2.50
42.0 - 41.9														6	887	2.50
43.0 - 42.9														6	887	2.50
44.0 - 43.9														6	887	2.50
45.0 - 44.9														6	887	2.50
46.0 - 45.9														6	887	2.50
47.0 - 46.9														6	887	2.50
48.0 - 47.9														6	887	2.50
49.0 - 48.9														6	887	2.50
50.0 - 49.9														6	887	2.50
51.0 - 50.9														6	887	2.50
52.0 - 51.9														6	887	2.50
53.0 - 52.9														6	887	2.50
54.0 - 53.9														6	887	2.50
55.0 - 54.9														6	887	2.50
56.0 - 55.9														6	887	2.50
57.0 - 56.9														6	887	2.50
58.0 - 57.9														6	887	2.50
59.0 - 58.9														6	887	2.50
60.0 - 59.9														6	887	2.50
61.0 - 60.9														6	887	2.50
62.0 - 61.9														6	887	2.50
63.0 - 62.9														6	887	2.50
64.0 - 63.9														6	887	2.50
65.0 - 64.9														6	887	2.50
66.0 - 65.9														6	887	2.50
67.0 - 66.9														6	887	2.50
68.0 - 67.9														6	887	2.50
69.0 - 68.9														6	887	2.50
70.0 - 69.9														6	887	2.50
71.0 - 70.9														6	887	2.50
72.0 - 71.9														6	887	2.50
73.0 - 72.9														6	887	2.50
74.0 - 73.9														6	887	2.50
75.0 - 74.9														6	887	2.50
76.0 - 75.9														6	887	2.50
77.0 - 76.9														6	887	2.50
78.0 - 77.9														6	887	2.50
79.0 - 78.9														6	887	2.50
80.0 - 79.9														6	887	2.50
81.0 - 80.9														6	887	2.50
82.0 - 81.9														6	887	2.50
83.0 - 82.9														6	887	2.50
84.0 - 83.9														6	887	2.50
85.0 - 84.9														6	887	2.50
86.0 - 85.9														6	887	2.50
87.0 - 86.9														6	887	2.50
88.0 - 87.9														6	887	2.50
89.0 - 88.9														6	887	2.50
90.0 - 89.9														6	887	2.50
91.0 - 90.9														6	887	2.50
92.0 - 91.9														6	887	2.50
93.0 - 92.9														6	887	2.50
94.0 - 93.9														6	887	2.50
95.0 - 94.9														6	887	2.50
96.0 - 95.9														6	887	2.50
97.0 - 96.9														6	887	2.50
98.0 - 97.9														6	887	2.50
99.0 - 98.9														6	887	2.50
100.0 - 99.9														6	887	2.50
101.0 - 100.9														6	887	2.50
102.0 - 101.9														6	887	2.50
103.0 - 102.9														6	887	2.50
104.0 - 103.9														6	887	2.50
105.0 - 104.9														6	887	2.50
106.0 - 105.9														6	887	2.50
107.0 - 106.9														6	887	2.50
108.0 - 107.9														6	887	2.50
109.0 - 108.9														6	887	2.50
110.0 - 109.9														6	887	2.50
111.0 - 110.9														6	887	2.50
112.0 - 111.9														6	887	2.50
113.0 - 112.9														6	887	2.50
114.0 - 113.9														6	887	2.50
115.0 - 114.9														6	887	2.50
116.0 - 115.9														6	887	2.50
117.0 - 116.9														6	887	2.50
118.0 - 117.9														6	887	2.50
119.0 - 118.9														6	887	2.50
120.0 - 119.9														6	887	2.50
121.0 - 120.9														6	887	2.50
122.0 - 12																

WAVE CLIMATOLOGY FOR NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD (IN OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS)
431 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR NOV 71, 72, 74, 75, 76

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)														TOT.#	CUM. TOT.#	ROW TOT.#	AVG.#
0.0 - .9																1000	0.00	
1.0 - 1.9																1000	0.00	
2.0 - 2.9																1000	0.00	
3.0 - 3.9	2	7	12	2												23	948	2.10
4.0 - 4.9		5	19	5	9											37	974	3.00
5.0 - 5.9	2	19	23	53	19	7	5									129	937	3.34
6.0 - 6.9		5	21	42	23	32	9	2	2							137	610	4.28
7.0 - 7.9	2	9	7	12	19	30	5	5								89	673	4.39
8.0 - 8.9	7	51	35	21	9	9	5									137	585	2.65
9.0 - 9.9		39	35	19	7	7		5								111	448	2.83
10.0 - 10.9	5	21	44	35	9	7	5	2								128	353	3.08
11.0 - 11.9																	209	0.00
12.0 - 12.9	7	37	35	14	7	12	9	2								123	269	2.93
13.0 - 13.9																	86	0.00
14.0 - 14.9	14	19	2	5	2	12	12									65	86	3.18
15.0 - 15.9																	21	0.00
16.0 - 16.9	5	2														14	41	3.50
17.0 - 17.9																	7	0.00
18.0 - 18.9																	7	0.00
19.0 - 19.9																	7	0.00
20.0 - 20.9	2			5												7	7	2.50
21.0 +																	0.00	
TOTAL	45	219	232	211	104	116	51	18	2								1000	3.27
CUM. TOTAL	1000	954	733	506	245	190	72	19	2									
CEL. AVG.	12.05	9.51	8.61	8.23	7.63	8.83	10.07	9.07	8.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.92		
AVERAGE SIG. HEIGHT = 3.29 FT AVERAGE WAVE PERIOD = 8.95 SEC																		
VARIANCE OF SIG. HEIGHT = 2.83 FT SG VARIANCE OF WAVE PERIOD = 9.23 SEC SG																		
STANDARD DEVIATION OF HEIGHT = 1.68 FT STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 3.04 SEC																		

WAVE CLIMATOLOGY FOR NISS ROAD, NORTH CAROLINA
DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT HEIGHT VS PERIOD (IN OBSERVATIONS PER 1000 OBS)
533 OBSERVATIONS SUMMARY FOR DEC 68, 71, 72, 74, 76, 77

PERIOD (SECS)	SIG. HEIGHT (FT)														TOT.#	CUM. TOT.#	ROW TOT.#	AVG.#
0.0 - .9																1000	0.00	
1.0 - 1.9																1000	0.00	
2.0 - 2.9																1000	0.00	
3.0 - 3.9	2	2	9	2												14	1700	2.28
4.0 - 4.9		8	11	11	3											33	956	2.79
5.0 - 5.9	2	13	24	30	21	5	8									101	973	3.50
6.0 - 6.9	2	13	24	32	27	8	6	2	2							114	852	3.69
7.0 - 7.9	3	16	17	25	24	11	5	2								103	733	3.58
8.0 - 8.9	19	46	60	24	27	21	8	2	3							209	635	3.11
9.0 - 9.9	11	36	25	17	8	6		2								106	477	2.51
10.0 - 10.9	5	23	36	21	3	6	3									103	321	2.70
11.0 - 11.9																	213	0.00
12.0 - 12.9	6	54	21	19	6	3	3									112	218	2.39
13.0 - 13.9																	106	0.00
14.0 - 14.9	5	32	11	6	8	5		2								68	106	2.55
15.0 - 15.9																	38	0.00
16.0 - 16.9	2	13	9	5		2	6									36	34	3.02
17.0 - 17.9																	2	0.00
18.0 - 18.9																	2	0.00
19.0 - 19.9																	2	0.00
20.0 - 20.9		2															2	1.50
21.0 +																	0.00	
TOTAL	55	201	294	191	126	66	32	14	3	1							1000	3.01
CUM. TOTAL	1000	945	684	436	245	118	52	21	6	1								
CEL. AVG.	9.73	10.42	8.98	8.39	7.09	8.48	9.40	8.44	7.50	8.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.18		
AVERAGE SIG. HEIGHT = 2.99 FT AVERAGE WAVE PERIOD = 9.17 SEC																		
VARIANCE OF SIG. HEIGHT = 2.50 FT SG VARIANCE OF WAVE PERIOD = 8.92 SEC SG																		
STANDARD DEVIATION OF HEIGHT = 1.58 FT STANDARD DEVIATION OF PERIOD = 2.99 SEC																		

RESULTS OBTAINED FROM 102-SECOND DIGITAL RECORDS TAKEN WITH A STEP RES. AND CONT. WIND
WAVE GAGE LOCATED AT JENNETTES PIER.
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APPENDIX E

LISTS OF FLORA AND FAUNA AT THE FRF

Table E-1. FRF floristics list (Levy, 1976).

Family and species	Common name	Family and species	Common name
Family Aceraceae <i>Acer rubrum</i> L.	Red maple	Family Cactaceae <i>Opuntia compressa</i> (Salisbury) Macbride <i>O. drummondii</i> Graham	Prickley pear Fragile prickley pear
Family Aizoaceae <i>Mollis verticillata</i> L.	Carpet weed	Family Campanulaceae <i>Lobelia elongata</i> Small <i>Specularia perfoliata</i> (L.) A. D.C.	Marsh lobelia Venus' looking glass
Family Alismataceae <i>Sittaria graminea</i> var. <i>weatherbiana</i> (Fernald) Bogin	Arrowhead	Family Caprifoliaceae <i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunberg <i>L. sempervirens</i> L.	Japanese honeysuckle Coral honeysuckle
Family Amaranthaceae <i>Amaranthus phloxeroides</i> (Martens) Grisebach	Alligator weed	Family Chenopodiaceae <i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i> L.	Mexican tea
Family Anacardiaceae <i>Rhus copallina</i> L. <i>R. typhina</i> L.	Winged sumac Poison ivy	Family Cornaceae <i>Cornus florida</i> L.	Dogwood
Family Apiaceae <i>Oenanthe lachrymans</i> (L.) Urban <i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i> L. <i>Hibiscus umbellatus</i> L. <i>Lilium pinnatifidum</i> C. & R. <i>Ptilimnium spiliacanthum</i> (Michaux) Ref. <i>Sium</i> sp. Walter	Eryngo Marsh pennywort Water parsnip	Family Convolvulaceae <i>Calystegia sepium</i> (L.) R. Brown	Hedge bindweed
Family Aquifoliaceae <i>Ilex opaca</i> Aiton <i>I. vomitoria</i> Aiton	American holly Yaupon	Family Cucurbitaceae <i>Melothria pendula</i> L.	Creeping cucumber
Family Asclepiadaceae <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Walter	Milkweed	Family Cyperaceae <i>Cyperus alternifolius</i> Torrey <i>Cyperus tenuifolius</i> Torrey <i>Cyperus phillipsii</i> Muhl. <i>C. filiformis</i> Vahl <i>C. tenuifolius</i> L. <i>C. tenuifolius</i> (Michaux) Torrey <i>C. tenuifolius</i> Kunth <i>C. tenuifolius</i> (Torrey) Mattfeld and Kunkel	Sedge Sedge
Family Asplenaceae <i>Asplenium platyneuron</i> (L.) Oakes	Stone spleenwort	Family Fabaceae <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> L. <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> (Michx.) R. & S. <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> (L.) R. & S. <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> (L.) Vahl <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> (L.) Vahl <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> (L.) Vahl <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> (L.) Vahl	Spike rush Sand rush Umbrella grass Chair maker's rush
Family Asteraceae <i>Achillea millefolium</i> L. <i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> L. <i>Aster tenuifolius</i> L. <i>Baccharis halimifolia</i> L. <i>Bidens bita</i> (Michaux) Sherff <i>Carduus spinosissimus</i> Walter <i>Crepis vesicaria</i> ssp. <i>taraxacifolia</i> (Thunberg) Thellung <i>Eclipta alba</i> (L.) Hasskarl <i>Eriophorum spicatum</i> var. <i>canadense</i> L. <i>E. spicatum</i> var. <i>pauciflorum</i> (Nuttall) Ahles <i>Eupatorium spiliacanthum</i> var. <i>spiliacanthum</i> (Lam.) Small <i>E. spiliacanthum</i> Michaux <i>Helianthus scaberrimus</i> Foug. <i>Helianthus scaberrimus</i> L. <i>Hieracium pinnatifidum</i> L. <i>Heterotheca glabra</i> (Fernald) Ahles <i>H. pinnatifidum</i> (Michaux) Shinnars <i>H. pinnatifidum</i> L. <i>H. pinnatifidum</i> Walter <i>Krigia virginica</i> (L.) Willd. <i>Lactuca canadensis</i> L. <i>Mikania amplexans</i> (L.) Willd. <i>Pluchea fastida</i> (L.) D.C. <i>P. purpurascens</i> (Swartz) D.C. <i>Pyrrophyllum carolinianum</i> var. <i>carolinianum</i> (Walter) D.C. <i>Solidago rigida</i> var. <i>rugosa</i> Miller <i>S. sempervirens</i> L. <i>S. tenuifolia</i> Pursh <i>Xanthoxylum strumarium</i> var. <i>strumarium</i> L.	Yarrow Ragweed Aster Groundsel tree Beggar ticks Yellow thistle Hawk's beard Yerba-de-tajo Horseweed Horseweed Dog fennel Thoroughwort Blanket flower Rabbit tobacco Hawk weed Marsh elder Seaside elder Dwarf dandelion Wild lettuce Climbing hempweed Marsh fleabane Salt marsh fleabane False dandelion Goldenrod Goldenrod Goldenrod Cocklebur Trumpet vine	Family Euphorbiaceae <i>Euphorbia corollata</i> var. <i>septentrionalis</i> Muell.-Arg. <i>E. corollata</i> Jacquin <i>Schottia polygonifolia</i> L.	Croton Croton Beach spurge
Family Bignoniaceae <i>Campylopus (L.) Seemann</i>	Trumpet vine	Family Fabaceae <i>Apocynum androsaemum</i> Medicus <i>Canis lupinus</i> Michaux <i>Centrosema virginianum</i> (L.) Benth <i>Desmodium paniculatum</i> (L.) D.C. <i>D. pauciflorum</i> (Nuttall) D.C. <i>D. strictum</i> (Pursh) D.C. <i>Leptodesma capitata</i> Michaux	Partridge pea Butterfly pea Beggar lice Beggar lice Beggar lice Bush clover
Family Brassicaceae <i>Cakile edentula</i> (Bigelow) Hooker <i>Lepidium virginicum</i> L.	Sea rocket Peppergrass	Family Fabaceae (concl'd.) <i>L. canadensis</i> (Lamont) G. Don <i>L. atrata</i> (Thunberg) H. & A. <i>L. virginica</i> (L.) Britton <i>Strophostyles helvola</i> (L.) Ell.	Japanese clover Wild bean
		Family Fagaceae <i>Quercus virginiana</i> Miller	Live oak
		Family Gentianaceae <i>Sabatia dodecandra</i> var. <i>dodecandra</i> (L.) B.S.P.	Sea pink
		Family Hamamelidaceae <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L.	Sweet gum
		Family Hypericaceae <i>Hypericum gentianoides</i> (L.) B.S.P.	St. John's wort

Table E-1. FRF floristics list (Levy, 1970).--Continued

Family and species	Common name	Family and species	Common name
Family Juncaceae <i>Juncus spiralis</i> Mackenzie <i>J. macrocephalus</i> M.A. Curtis <i>J. pauciflorus</i> Scheele	Rush Rush Black rush	Family Poaceae (concl'd.) <i>Panicum amarulum</i> Hitchcock and Chase <i>P. amaran</i> Ell. <i>P. dichotomiflorum</i> Michaux <i>P. scoparium</i> Lam. <i>P. vaginatum</i> Swartz <i>P. virginicum</i> L. <i>Polygonum monspeliensis</i> (L.) Desf. <i>Saccolipis striata</i> (L.) Nash <i>Setaria geniculata</i> (Lam.) Beauvois <i>Sorghum halepense</i> (L.) Persoon <i>Spartina cynosuroides</i> (L.) Roth <i>S. patens</i> (Aiton) Muhl. <i>Sphenopholis obtusata</i> (Michaux) Scribner <i>Triplasis purpurea</i> (Walter) Chapman <i>Triplasis pennsylvanicum</i> (L.) Beauvois ex R. & S. <i>Urtica paniculata</i> L. <i>Urtica</i> L.	Bitter panicum Panic grass Tall ironweed Switch grass Rabbit foot grass Fox tail grass Johnson grass Giant cord grass Salt meadow grass Wedge grass Sand grass Sea oats Corn
Family Juncaginaceae <i>Triglochin arifolius</i> R. & P.	Arrow grass	Family Polygonaceae <i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i> var. <i>opelousense</i> (Riddell ex Small) Stone <i>P. pennsylvanicum</i> L. <i>P. sagittatum</i> L. <i>Rumex acetosella</i> L. <i>R. verticillatus</i> L.	Knot weed Tear thumb Sheep sorrel Swamp dock
Family Lamiaceae <i>Mentha punctata</i> L. <i>Salvia lyrata</i> L. <i>Stachys nuttallii</i> Shuttlew.	Horsemint Sage Hedge nettle	Family Pontederiaceae <i>Pontederia coriata</i> L.	Pickersweed
Family Lauraceae <i>Persea borbonica</i> (L.) Spreng.	Red bay	Family Primulaceae <i>Samolus parviflorus</i> Raf.	Water pimpernel
Family Liliaceae <i>Smilax bona-nox</i> L. <i>Yucca filamentosa</i> L.	Green Rice grass	Family Ranunculaceae <i>Ranunculus scardus</i> Crantz	Buttercup
Family Linaceae <i>Linum virginianum</i> var. <i>medium</i> Planchon	Flax	Family Rosaceae <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> var. <i>laevis</i> (Wiegard) Ahles <i>Prunus serotina</i> var. <i>serotina</i> Ehrhart <i>Rubus betulifolius</i> Small	June berry Black cherry Blackberry
Family Loganiaceae <i>Polygala procumbens</i> L.		Family Rubiaceae <i>Diodia teres</i> Walter <i>D. virginiana</i> L.	Buttonweed
Family Lycopodiaceae <i>Lycopodium appressum</i> (Chapman) Lloyd and Underwood	Club moss	Family Rutaceae <i>Zanthoxylum clava-herculis</i> L.	Hercules' club
Family Lythraceae <i>Lythrum lineare</i> L.	Loosestrife	Family Salicaceae <i>Salix nigra</i> Marshall	Black willow
Family Malvaceae <i>Hibiscus mucronatus</i> L. <i>Asclepias virginica</i> (L.) Presl.	Rose mallow Sea shore mallow	Family Scrophulariaceae <i>Asclepias purpurea</i> (L.) Pennel <i>Linaria canadensis</i> (L.) Dumont <i>Verbascum thapsus</i> L.	Gerardia Toad flax Mullein
Family Myricaceae <i>Myrica cerifera</i> var. <i>cerifera</i> L. <i>M. pennsylvanica</i> Loisel.	Wax myrtle Bayberry	Family Solanaceae <i>Physalis viscaria</i> ssp. <i>maritima</i> (M.A. Curtis) Waterfall <i>Datura stramonium</i> L.	Ground cherry Jimson weed
Family Onagraceae <i>Onoclea sensibilis</i> L. <i>O. fruticosa</i> L. <i>O. heterophylla</i> Nuttall	Evening primrose Sundrops Evening primrose	Family Urticaceae <i>Rochfordia cylindrica</i> (L.) Swartz	False nettle
Family Orchidaceae <i>Spiranthes cernua</i> (L.) Richard	Nodding ladies' tresses	Family Verbenaceae <i>Callicarpa americana</i> L. <i>Lippia nodiflora</i> (L.) Michaux	French mulberry Froghit
Family Pinaceae <i>Pinus strobus</i> L.	Loblolly pine	Family Vitaceae <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> (L.) Planchon <i>Vitis aestivalis</i> var. <i>aestivalis</i> Michaux <i>V. rotundifolia</i> Michaux	Virginia creeper Summer grape Muscadine
Family Phytolacaceae <i>Phytolacca americana</i> L.	Pokeweed	Family Xyridaceae <i>Xyris lupuloides</i> Richard	Yellow-eyed grass
Family Plantaginaceae <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L.	Plantain		
Family Poaceae <i>Andropogon Elliottii</i> Chapman <i>A. virginicus</i> L. <i>Amphipha brevifolius</i> <i>Bromus acutellus</i> L. <i>Cenchrus tribuloides</i> L. <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.) Persoon <i>Digitaria filiformis</i> var. <i>villosa</i> (Walter) Fernald <i>D. ischaemum</i> (Schreber) Schreber ex Muhl. <i>D. sanguinalis</i> (L.) Scopoli <i>Echinochloa walteri</i> (Pursh) Heller <i>Eleusine indica</i> (L.) Gaertner <i>Elymus virginicus</i> L. <i>Eragrostis Elliottii</i> Watson <i>E. spodiopodia</i> (Pursh) Steudel <i>Eriochloa gigantea</i> (Walter) Muhl. <i>Festuca acicularis</i> Nuttall <i>Leptoloma cernuum</i> (Schultes) Chase	Broom straw Broom sedge American beachgrass Brome grass Sandspurs Bermuda grass Crab grass Crab grass Crab grass Walter's barnyard grass Goose grass Wild rye grass Love grass Love grass Beard grass Fescue Witch grass		

Table E-2. Faunistic list of the ocean beach at the FRF (Natta, 1977).¹

Phylum NEMATODA Order Nematoda	Family Ischyroceridae <i>Ischyrocerus</i>	Family Gammaridae <i>Gammarus</i> sp.
Phylum ANNELIDA Class Polychaeta	Order Mysidacea <i>Mysidacea</i>	Family Photidae <i>Photis</i>
Family Spionidae <i>Spionidae</i>	Order Cumacea <i>Cumacea</i>	Family Oedicerotidae <i>Oedicerotidae</i>
Family Nephtyidae <i>Nephtyidae</i>	Family Leuconidae <i>Leucon</i>	Family Monoculodes sp.
Family Megaloniidae <i>Megaloniidae</i>	Family Eudorellidae <i>Eudorellidae</i>	Order Isopoda Family Anthuridae <i>Anthuridae</i>
Family Hesionidae <i>Hesionidae</i>	Family Pseudosquilla <i>Pseudosquilla</i>	Family Idoteidae <i>Idoteidae</i>
Family Ophelidae <i>Ophelidae</i>	Order Decapoda Family Paguridae <i>Paguridae</i>	Family Chiridotea sp.
Family Phylloporidae <i>Phylloporidae</i>	Family Portunidae <i>Portunidae</i>	Order Decapoda Family Cambaridae <i>Cambaridae</i>
Family Glycymeridae <i>Glycymeridae</i>	Family Hippidae <i>Hippidae</i>	Family Portunidae <i>Portunidae</i>
Phylum MOLLUSCA Class Bivalvia	Microcrustacea Subclass Ostracoda Order Myodacopoda Species A	Class Insecta Order Odonata Family Coenagrionidae <i>Coenagrionidae</i>
Order Bivalvia Family Donacidae <i>Donacidae</i>	Order Podocopa Species A	Order Coleoptera Family Dytiscidae <i>Dytiscidae</i>
Family Solenidae <i>Solenidae</i>	Subclass Copepoda Order Harnactioida Species A Species B	Order Diptera Family Tabanidae <i>Tabanidae</i>
Order Bivalvia Family Arcidae <i>Arcidae</i>	Phylum CNIDARIA Class Anthozoa Order Actinaria Species A (immature)	Family Chironomidae (immatures)
Phylum ARTHROPODA Class Crustacea		Family Ceratopogonidae (immatures)
Order Amphipoda Family Amphipoda <i>Amphipoda</i>		
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¹Species above 0.5 millimeter only.

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